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## Comment Of The Day

### CHRISTMAS

HONGKONG'S bumper Christmas, said the headline on our front page on Tuesday. Bumper for some. Miserable for others. And meaningless for most. Not that the flood of Christmas cards suggests this. Or the preparations for festivities. But that is the puzzling thing about Christmas: most people share in celebrating the occasion without knowing why.

What, for example, has riotous drinking, stuffed turkeys, plum pudding, tinsel-covered trees and Santa Claus got to do with the birth of Christ? Even our gift-giving, assuming it is a survival of the custom started by the Three Wise Men, has been twisted to conform to the later tradition. But it would be a poor Christian who rejected all this as something out of keeping with the spirit of Christmas.

For it may be asked, when have charities been given so much by so many? When have poor children been so splendidly entertained? When have people gone so much out of the way to help others? Indeed what other story in the entire Bible is so endearing to that vast mass of people who have never seen the inside of a church, than about Mary, Joseph, the Child, the cattle in the shed, the shepherds, the star and all the enchanting mystery of that first Christmas night? Surely in spite of all our excesses, our spending, our eating and drinking, it is the one season in the year when the world comes nearest to that love which was always at the heart of the Child of Bethlehem.

### Over The Border

JUST how two American sailors managed to "stumble" across the Hongkong border has not been made clear, though it is hoped that the Police are taking as close an interest in this case as the American Naval authorities. No one wants to exaggerate the incident. Fortunately the sailors were no sooner over than they were passed back again and no harm was done. But the Hongkong border could have become a point of tension.

Escapades like this must be avoided. This is the second time this year that Americans have found their way into the restricted zone near the border. The first attempt to cross by an overstaying tourist was prevented. The second succeeded. It could happen again and measures should be taken to stop it.

TOURISTS seem to regard it as a special treat to be taken to see the Bamboo Curtain and to gaze on the featureless hills and paddy fields of Red China. By all means let them go there—or as near as the authorities will allow—in groups.

But the American Naval authorities and local tourist agencies should be asked to discourage lone and unchaperoned trips. Because a country stroll to anyone who does not know his way around could mean a far longer and much less pleasant holiday inside a Chinese prison—and difficulties for Hongkong at the same time, from a country which is likely to exploit the smallest incident to make trouble.

## World's Hunger For Peace Must Be Satisfied

Washington, Dec. 23.  
President Eisenhower in his Christmas message today called on the prosperous countries of the world to open long-term programmes to help poverty stricken peoples in underdeveloped lands.

The President said that on his Christmas tour he had seen that three things united into one family the peoples of the 11 nations he called on.

"The first—their friendship for America and Americans," he said.

"The second—their fervent hope—too long frustrated—for betterment of themselves and their children."

"The third—their deep-seated hunger for peace in freedom."

### Friendship

"Of this last, permit me to speak first," the President observed. "It must come first. The assurance of peace in freedom is the key to the betterment of peoples everywhere; and in a just peace, friendship between all peoples will flourish."

The President delivered his Christmas message less than 24 hours after his return last night from his 22,000-mile tour of three continents.

He spoke of the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace in a park across the street from the White House.

After delivering his message of peace and goodwill, the President switched on the lights of the national Christmas tree as dusk fell.

### Generosity

The President said that on his trip, many millions of people shouted their testimony to the generosity of United States aid.

"America's own best interests—our own hopes for peace—require that we continue our financial investment and aid to persuade all other free nations to join us to the limit of their ability—in a long-term programme, dependable in its terms and in its duration.... a matter of charity for the poverty-stricken."

"The help we give to our friends is help and strength for the cause of freedom—American freedom—as well as freedom throughout the world."

### Purpose

The President reiterated remarks he made before leaving Washington on December 3 that his goodwill mission abroad was not his purpose (either to seek specific agreements or to urge new treaty relationships).

"My purpose was to improve the climate in which diplomacy might work more successfully; diplomacy that seeks, as its basic objective, peace with justice for all men," the President said.

"In the crowds that welcomed my party and me, I saw at close hand the faces of millions—many, even most, were poor, weary, worn by toil; but there were young women and men, energetic, eager; the children, too, always, bright and excited."

"The clothes of a few were as modern as today's Paris and New York; of others, as ancient as the gowns of Abraham; often soiled and tattered; sometimes colourful and romantic to an American eye."

"They were Buddhist and Moslem and Hindu and Christian."

"But seeing them meased along country roads and city streets from the eastern shore of the Atlantic to Karachi and Delhi, three things—it seemed to me—united them into one family."

### Desperate

In his appeal for aid to poverty-stricken nations, the President said some peoples desperately need help, and, denied it, "they could well become so desperate as to create a world catastrophe."

The President concluded his Christmas message with these words: "Together we should consider all the ways and the forms such help might take. I fervently hope that in this Christmas season each of you who is listening will give thought to what you can do for another human, identical with you in his living origin and destiny—however distant in miles or poor in worldly estate."

"With that hope, that prayer, I wish you all happiness and peace in this season, as I light the nation's Christmas tree for the Pageant of Peace."

The President's message was televised and broadcast from coast to coast.—Reuter.

### A PROBLEM:

### WHAT TO DO

### WITH LETTERS

### TO SANTA

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Hongkong's Post Office have about two dozen Christmas letters which they cannot deliver.

In fact, they are causing a small problem. They are addressed to Santa Claus.

The Postmaster-General, Mr A. G. Crook, told the China Mail yesterday: "All of them are kept in the Post Office awaiting collection by Santa Claus. There is not much else we can do."

"All of them but one were addressed to Santa Claus direct. The exception was routed via the North Pole. And all of them were well sealed and fixed with ten-cent stamps."

### GUARDED SECRET

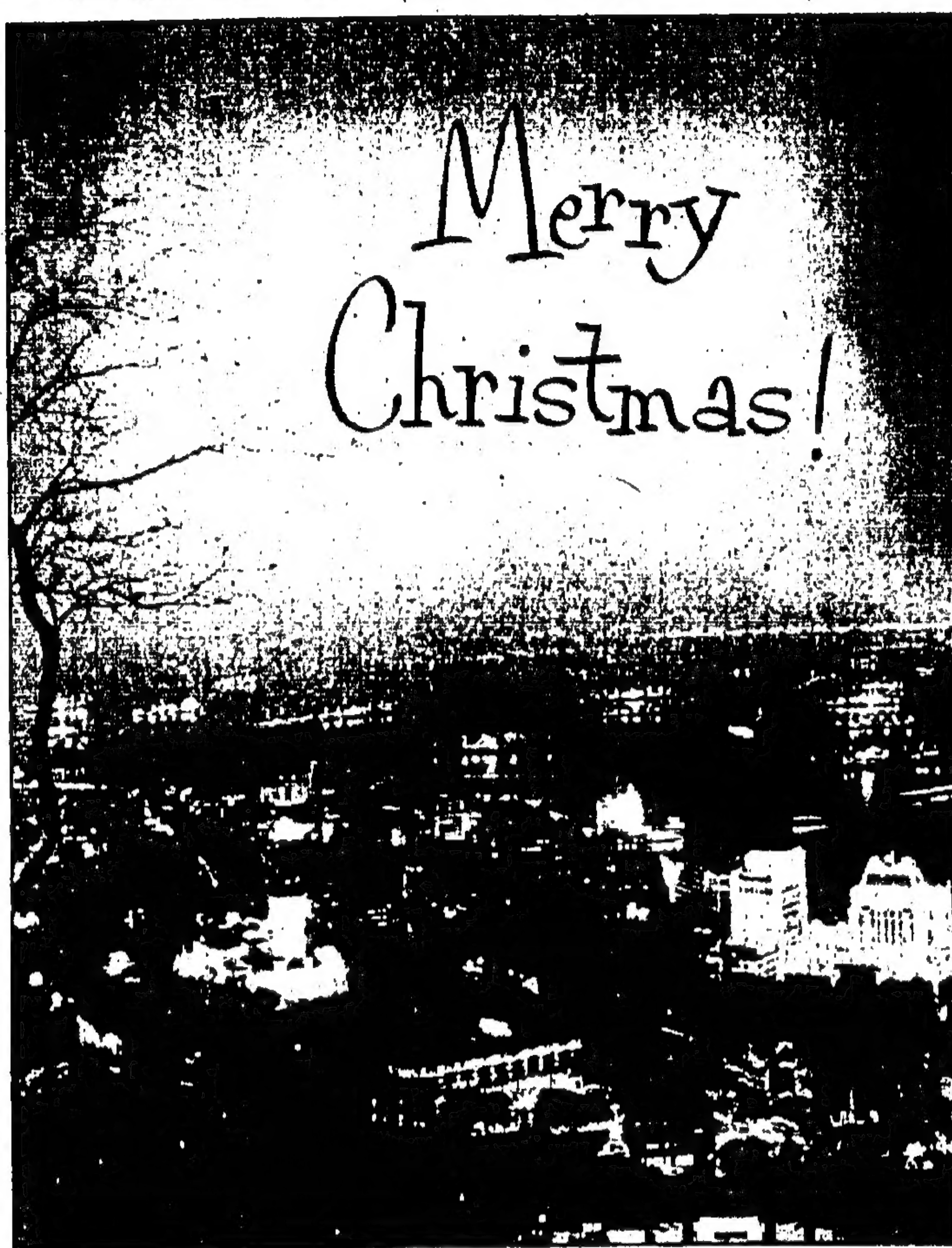
The contents of the letters are a well-guarded secret. Post officers are prohibited by the Post Ordinance from opening any private letter.

For the last six years, Mr Crook said, this small collection of mail for Santa Claus has been coming in each Christmas. "The numbers remain about the same."

He added: "We might try to do something to get the children some response if the number grows to more than 100."

"But then we must be aware of the consequences following such action—for we might be swamped with hundreds of letters and face a problem coping with them."

Mr Crook explained that most of the letters to Santa Claus were sent by "very, very small children from the European community."



## PUBLIC CAR SERVICE FOR AIRPORT

Government is inviting tenders for the operation of a public car service between Kai Tak Airport and designated hotels in Kowloon and the Star Ferry Pier.

The successful tenderer will be granted a licence for the exclusive right to establish and maintain this public car service for a period of three years.

The vehicles used for this service will not be allowed to pick up or set down passengers anywhere else but at the stops laid down in the conditions of the tender. The vehicles should be licensed for carrying not more than nine persons and their luggage.

The number of passengers arriving at and leaving from Kai Tak daily is at present between 900 and 1,100, with about 200 passengers an hour at peak periods.

## Colony May Expect Cold Xmas

It's going to be a cold and cloudy Christmas Day according to the Royal Observatory this morning.

Cold as it has been these past few days, the lowest temperature this month of 52.1 degrees, has not been exceeded. The spokesman said that the minimum temperature recorded early this morning was 55.3 degrees. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 67.3 degrees.

However, the minimum temperature on Christmas morning should be near the December low. The spokesman said a minimum temperature of 53 degrees can be expected, and the maximum is not likely to exceed 65 degrees.

The outlook for Christmas Day, he said, should be cool, and cloudy with fair periods.

The Editor and staff of the China Mail wish readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

There will be no publication of the China Mail or the S.C.M. Post tomorrow but on Boxing Day the Saturday China Mail will be published as usual.

The Post-Herald will be published on Sunday as usual, and the South China Morning Post resumes publication on Monday.

The above photograph was taken by China Mail cameraman, Joseph Ng.

## Kassem Warns Iran Against Provocations

Bagdad, Dec. 23.  
Iraqi Premier General Abdel Kerim Kassem tonight warned Iran that Iraqi armed forces were standing ready and would "defend every inch of their territory in the event of an aggression from Iran."

General Kassem, who was addressing Iraqi Army units and whose speech was reported by Radio Bagdad, accused the Iranian Government of "continuous provocations" on the Iraq-Iran frontier and said these provocations were becoming "intolerable" for the Iraqi people.

General Kassem said that the Iranian Army was capable of overthrowing the present Teheran regime as unexpectedly as the Iraqi army had suppressed the monarchist regime in Iraq.—AP.

## Krupps To Pay Jewish Workers

Essen, Dec. 23.  
The Krupp Company, Germany's biggest industrial enterprise, announced on Wednesday it will pay about US\$1,100 each to all Jewish concentration camp inmates who worked for it as slave labourers during World War II.—AP.

## Labour MP

## Detained In Spain

Madrid, Dec. 23.  
Mr Robert Edwards, British Labour Member of Parliament for Bilston (Staffordshire), was detained by police for questioning here today, diplomatic sources said.

Mr Edwards, who fought with Republican forces against General Franco in the Spanish Civil War, was detained by police as he left his hotel this morning.

He was released early this evening.

Police interrogated him about his presence in Spain.

Mr Edwards is here to attend the rehearsal of the trial of Senor Julio Ceron Ayuso, 31, a Spanish diplomat, and eight associates accused of helping to prepare an abortive strike called by Spain's Communist Party last June.

Mr Edwards left his hotel this morning for the courtroom, but he failed to appear at either the morning or afternoon session.

STATEMENT  
The Spanish Foreign Ministry said in a statement tonight that Mr Edwards had been asked to go to police headquarters in Madrid to explain his visit to Spain. He had been invited to leave Spanish territory, the statement added.

The statement referred to the fact that Mr Edwards had arrived here to act as an observer at the trial and to report on the amnesty of ports that he would present a political prisoners in Spain.

It said the Spanish people would accept neither interference in their internal affairs nor outside pressure and Mr Edwards had therefore been invited to leave the country.—Reuter.

## Wartime British Foreign Secretary Dies

London, Dec. 23.  
Lord Halifax, wartime British Foreign Secretary, died at his home in Yorkshire tonight at the age of 78.

Shortly after his death was announced, his son and heir, Lord Irwin said, "My father was completely worn out."

He broke his hip recently in a fall and had to undergo an operation. The cause of death was described as a "chest complaint."

At the time of his death, he was Chancellor of Oxford University.

Halifax was branded by many Britons as one of the "appeasers" who sought to placate Adolf Hitler in the years before World War II.

He was Britain's Ambassador to the United States from 1941 throughout the war.

Halifax became British Foreign Secretary after Anthony Eden resigned in protest against Britain's soft policy toward Nazi Germany.



LORD HALIFAX

### HIGH PRINCIPLES

But Halifax, the man of peace, had high principles. He was prepared to fight against aggression.

The tall, lantern-jawed statesman went on the air with a defiant message immediately after Hitler demanded Britain's surrender in 1940.

Halifax was a shy man—but his shyness concealed strength. His scholarly, almost diffident manner as Ambassador to Washington triumphed over criticism that he would be out of place among easy-going Americans.

Halifax, who had been called "a typical English aristocrat," married Lady Dorothy Onslow, daughter of the Earl of Onslow, in 1909. They had three sons and one daughter.

### OPERATION

Last July he fell in his garden and broke his hip. He was flown to London for an apparently successful operation, and soon he was walking a few paces without crutches.

Only three months ago he and Lady Halifax celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their only living son, Lord Irwin, is 47.

Port Said, Dec. 23.  
The kidnappers of Lieutenant Anthony Moorhouse tonight opened the "Moorhouse Museum" here to commemorate the withdrawal of Anglo-French forces three years ago.

No officials were present at the ceremony in the house where the young British officer died after being captured by Egyptian resistance forces.

Black-robed women were among the handful of people who watched the museum opened by the six men responsible for the abduction of Lieutenant Moorhouse.—Reuter.

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# ELECTRONICS ACTIVE ON NY MARKET

New York, Dec. 23.

General Time scored \$10.75 a share in an irregular, moderately active stock market today. The issue gained \$8 yesterday and at its high of \$110 was up \$75 a share from the year's low.

Talk of higher earnings for General Time, an electronics company, provided fuel for the price spurt. Other electronics were irregular with changes ranging from a gain of \$2 a share in Texas Instruments to a loss of nearly \$2 in Emerson Electric.

The main list was highly irregular at closing time after a brief attempt earlier in the day. Richmond Kodak lost more than \$2 while Du Pont gained more than \$1. Gulf Oil lost \$1.25 while American rose 63 cents. Schering lost more than \$3 while Merck gained more than a dollar in the drugs.

Motors turned easier with Ford and Chrysler each off \$1.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

## Proposal To Change A Ship's Name

We, WILLIAMSON AND COMPANY LIMITED of P. O. Building, 5th floor, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of purchase of the undernoted vessel, we have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the motor launch DAYSPRING II of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 191461 Gross tonnage 12.24 tons Register tonnage 5.61 tons, heretofore owned by The Missions to Seamen Trust Corporation Ltd., 4 Buckingham Palace Gardens, London S.W. 1, for permission to change her name to MOLLY II and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by Williamson and Company Limited.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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## NY Grain Market Improves

Chicago, Dec. 23. The grain futures market burst out of a narrow trading range in early afternoon Wednesday and scored substantial gains on nearly all contracts.

Soybeans led the gains with the March delivery up to two cents a bushel but all the grains were ahead by a cent or more and finished at or near highs for the day.

The support was credited to a variety of factors. Wheat purchases by Pakistan, Turkey and Spain overnight amounted to more than three million bushels, the largest volume of export business in more than two weeks. A new trade agreement with Turkey includes the purchase of about 11 million bushels of U.S. wheat.

## New York Cotton Market

New York, Dec. 23. Cotton futures today developed more activity and a steadier undertone as traders evened-up before the weekend Christmas holidays.

Closing near the day's best levels the list ruled unchanged to up five points. The market opened unchanged to up 9 points. New Orleans closed 3 lower to 15 points higher.

Optimistic accounts from the drygoods trade again pointed up a renewed trade demand for the old crop months.

Commission house brokers and trade interests were buyers on balance in the new crop months. Part of this business was presumed to be against year-end tax considerations.

The Liverpool market today closed 10 higher to 10 English points lower from 448 to 558 American points under New York futures.

Raw cotton exports for the season thus far, as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange total 1,629,860 bales 1,126,690 bales reported to the same time last season.—U.P.I.

## Rubber Market Review

Singapore, Dec. 23. The market after opening at slightly lower than last night's prices eased in this morning's trading. Thereafter it ruled inactive with only a limited interest in lower sheet.

In the afternoon the market was very quiet throughout with a steady undertone.

The market closed with turnover light.

In New York, the raw rubber futures today closed 10 to 30 points higher with sales of 10 contracts.

Prices held steady in a typical pre-holiday market. Small trade buying and local covering found sellers hesitant in face of a continuing factory interest in the local spot market and the continued scarcity of shipment offerings from the east.

Current month No. 1 RSS was quoted at 42½ cents.

In London, the rubber market was quickly steady with spot quoted at 35½ pence.

In Amsterdam, the rubber market was dull today.—U.P.I.

## Yesterday's Closing COMMODITY PRICES

### SUGAR

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Contract No. 4 (world)  
Jan. 2.90; Mar. 3.00; May 3.10;  
July 3.14; Sept. 3.17; Oct. 3.19;  
Jan. 3.25; Mar. 3.28; Spot—(f.o.b. Cuba)  
2.97; Total Sales: 247 contracts.  
Contract No. 6 (domestic)  
Jan. 3.54; Mar. 3.57; May 3.60;  
July 3.74; Spot—(f.o.b. N.Y. ex-dock)  
3.70; Total Sales: 91 contracts.  
Open interest: 1,697 contracts.—U.P.I.

### COTTON

NEW YORK  
Closing prices all in cents per lb.  
Spot: 33.15; Mar. 33.73; May 33.73;  
33.22; July 33.73; Oct. 33.73; Dec. 33.73;  
31.15; Mar. 31.40; May 31.32.  
Closing prices all in cents per lb.  
Spot: 31.15; Mar. 31.15; May 31.22;  
31.15; Oct. 31.21; Dec. 31.10;  
Mar. 31.41; May 31.37.  
SAO PAULO  
All unquoted.  
Closing prices all in cruzeiro per kilo.  
Average price in U.S. at 14 de-  
signated spot markets: 31.85 cents.  
Total sales: 94,896 bales.—U.P.I.

### METALS

NEW YORK  
Closing prices, all in cents per lb.  
Dec. 11.00  
Jan. 11.31  
Zinc 11.61  
Jan. 11.45  
Copper 34.32  
Jan. 33.12

### LONDON

Closing prices, all in sterling per long ton. Buyers Sellers  
Tin 78 78½  
Spot 78 78½  
3-month 78 78½  
Copper 250 250  
Dec. 250 250  
Lead 2nd half 72 72½  
Mar. 72 72½

### RUBBER

NEW YORK  
Rex rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb.  
March 41.80  
May 40.40  
July 39.10  
Sept. 38.30  
Nov. 37.50  
Jan. 36.70

### SINGAPORE

Closing prices all in Straits cents per lb. f.o.b. Malayan ports:  
No. 1 Jan. 117½-118  
No. 2 Jan. 117½-117½  
No. 3 Jan. 117½-117½  
No. 4 Jan. 117½-117½  
Spot rubber unbleached 117½-118½  
Blanket crepe 117½-118½  
No. 1 pale crepe 117½-118½

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Closing prices all in pence per lb.  
No. 1 Rex spot 35½-35½  
Settlement house term: Jan. 34½-35½  
Feb. 34½-35½  
Jan./March 34½-35½  
April/June 34½-35½  
July/Sept. 34½-35½  
Oct./Dec. 34½-35½  
General market, c.i.f. basis, ports: Jan. 34½-35½  
Feb. 34½-35½  
Zetel crepe thin Jan. 40  
thick Jan. 40

### AMSTERDAM

Closing prices all in guilders per kilogram, c.i.f. Jan.  
No. 1 rubber 3.28 buyers  
No. 2 rubber 3.31 buyers  
No. 3 rubber 3.30 buyers  
No. 1 crepe 3.30 buyers  
—U.P.I.

### LONDON

Closing rates: New York 2.55 1/2-2.56 1/2  
2.55 1/2-2.56 1/2  
Montreal 1.50 1/2-1.51 1/2  
Brussels 1.50 1/2-1.51 1/2  
Copenhagen 1.50 1/2-1.51 1/2  
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# U.S. Steel Shipments Expected To Improve

New York, Dec. 23.

Finished steel shipments are expected to attain a post-strike peak late this month or early in January. While the Christmas holidays may cause some declines in mill operations, the movement of finished steel is fast approaching a more normal ratio to record raw steel output.

Last week's steel output reached a new all-time high of 2,782,000 tons, equalling 90½ per cent of capacity. This week's output is scheduled at 2,720,000 tons.

The transport problem so far has not been serious and various mills are now loading finished steel right from final processing units on to barges, railway trucks and lorries. Some consumers claim they are practically "living off of freight cars." The inference is that mill stocks of semi-finished steel will not be built up significantly in anticipation of possible resumption of the steel strike.

### DEPLETED STOCK

In addition, neither consumers nor distributors will make any particular progress in improving strike-depleted inventories. At the same time, one trade quarter said that orders against a serious work stoppage in steel if there is no contract settlement prior to January 28, the expiry date of the 60-day injunction. It predicted that strong public pressure would prevent another long strike.

### SCRAP METAL

In scrap, prices in the past week were fairly stable though untested through lack of important mill buying in most areas. Some railway lists brought broker prices below a month ago but there were no signs of a sharp decline in the offering.

### AMERICAN CAN COMPANY

American Can Company said it would guarantee the new levels throughout 1960 provided the price of steel used in can making did not increase.

Although car makers are still short of steel and worrying about future supplies, the industry has set its sights on record first quarter 1960 production of more than 2,200,000 cars.

Year end influences compounded by the unsettled steel contract dispute kept mill buyers cautious. In export a sharp reduction was reported in Japanese demand for the January/March period of 1960—to some 58 cargoes from 89 cargoes.

Estimates are being heard of what annual United States steel output capacity will be on January 1. At the start of 1959, it was 147,933,070 net tons. Some unofficial forecasts are that an increase of 5,000,000 tons will be shown. In any event, the expected record demand for steel in 1960 should find adequate basic steelmaking capacity available.—China Mail Special.



# 11 Break From Prison

## SEVERAL ARMED AND FLEEING IN STOLEN CARS

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 23. Eleven prisoners squirmed through a hacksawed hole in a Montgomery County Gaol steel barrier and escaped at dawn today. Within six hours four were recaptured, but several of those still at large were believed armed and fleeing in stolen cars.

First news of the jail break in the heart of this city was flashed on one local radio station as an interruption to a record after the line "There's no place like home for the holidays..."

John Paskiel Griffin, 41, the apparent ringleader, who was awaiting trial for attempting to shoot his wife, telephoned her shortly after breaking out. Deputy Harry Shingledacker said the wife, Ida Marie, "is not scared to death," and was co-operating with police in the attempt to recapture him.

Recaptured were Roy W. May, 30; William Evans, 32; Floyd Randy Engle, 25; and Vernon E. McClure, 30.

A rash of stolen car reports followed the escape.

The escapees were described as dangerous "bad actors" by Sheriff Bernard L. Keller.

The sheriff said about 23 other prisoners either passed up their chance to flee or did not have time to wiggle through the hole before it was discovered on a tip from one prisoner.—UPI.



THE SHAH WEDS FARAH DIBA — The Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran and his bride, 21-year-old Farah Diba, pose for pictures after their wedding in the Marble Palace in Teheran, Iran, on December 21. Miss Diba wears a pearl grey wedding gown from the Christian Dior salon in Paris. — AP Photo.

### Xmas Pardons

Washington, Dec. 23. President Eisenhower signed 83 Christmas pardons today, restoring citizenship rights to persons who formerly served Federal prison terms. The White House said all those granted pardons have been released from custody. — UPI.

### Macleod On Kenya Talks

Nairobi, Dec. 23. Mr. Iain Macleod, Britain's Colonial Secretary, said today he was "perhaps a little more hopeful" of agreement at next month's Kenya constitutional conference in London after his talks here with African political leaders.

The Colonial Secretary was replying to a question at a press conference at Government House here. He had read a short statement in which he emphasised that he had come to Kenya with no preconceived ideas about the outcome of the London conference.

He believed the views of local political leaders were not so rigid as they appeared. The Colonial Secretary said in his statement that it was desirable that delegates should not go to London with closed minds, but with a genuine desire to reach agreement.—China Mail Special.

### Cheers For King Baudouin

Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, Dec. 23. Shouts of "Vive L'Independence" mingled with enthusiastic cheering when King Baudouin of the Belgians arrived here by air today on his flying tour of the Congo.

Two Congolese ran on to the Royal route from the town square to the Governor's residence, before the King's car passed, waving a large banner bearing the words "Vive Le Roi Et Vive L'Independence".

A Police officer confiscated the banner amid boos and jeers from Africans in the crowd.—Reuter.

### 2 Killed In Martinique Rioting

Paris, Dec. 23. French newspapers on Wednesday reported two killed and several wounded in rioting at Port De France, capital of Martinique.

The situation was reported tense. Two police posts and a tax office were burned on Tuesday night by demonstrators, the reports said.

Barricades of stone and iron piping have been thrown up in the streets to prevent gendarme cars from moving around the city.

There was no explanation of what caused the riots.—AP.

### Visit Planned

Wellington, Dec. 24. Keith J. Holyoake, leader of the opposition, will visit Indonesia, Malaysia and other South-east Asian countries and Japan starting the last week in January.

Mr. Holyoake was Prime Minister for about a year until 1957, when his National Party Government was beaten by Labour.—UPI.

## Lulua Warriors Renew Violence In Congo

Luluabourg, Belgian Congo, Dec. 23. Lulua warriors armed with old-fashioned rifles, bows and arrows and spears attacked the Baluba village of Matulu near here yesterday killing seven villagers in a new outburst of tribal fighting.

### Shooting Of Illegal Immigrants

Colombo, Dec. 23. The Ceylon Government on Wednesday asked its law officers to report whether illegal immigrants from neighbouring India could be shot as they land along the island's northern and northwestern coasts.

The immigrants and the presence here of 200,000 descendants of Indian workers recruited by the British to open the estates — who lack Ceylonese or Indian citizenship — are two of the most explosive issues in Indian-Ceylonese relations.

The Government has launched a military operation to check what it calls an alarming invasion by hungry, poverty-stricken people from South Indian coastal villages.

Despite constant Army, Navy and Air Force patrols along the 240-mile coast several thousand immigrants are still sneaking in.—AP.

### French Budget Is Approved

Paris, Dec. 23. The French Senate (Upper House) today approved the Government's 1960 budget at the third reading by 116 votes to 101, completing its adoption by Parliament.

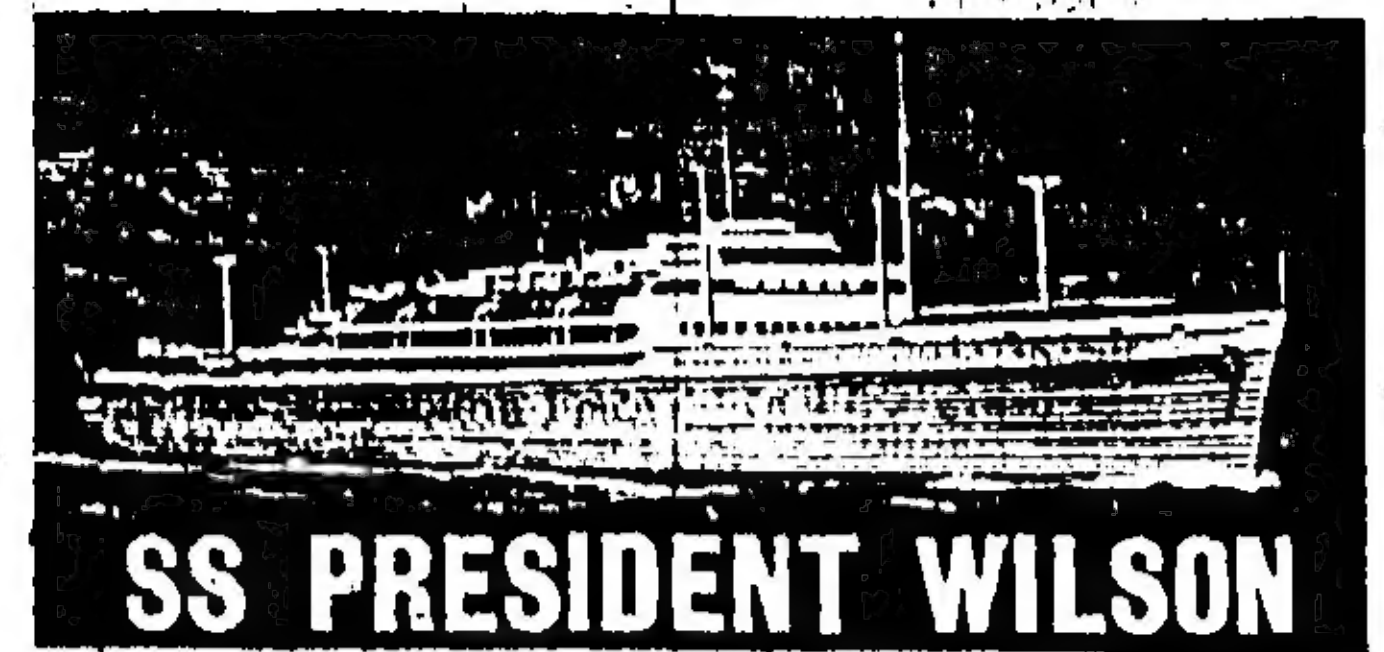
The bill, fiercely contested because it did not restore cuts in ex-servicemen's pensions made a year ago, was finally endorsed after the Prime Minister, M. Michel Debre, pledged to restore the cuts next year if the country's economic progress continued as expected.—Reuter.

### Law Of Average

Madrid, Dec. 23. Valencia Plumber Francisco Ortega, run over by a truck bearing the license number 36600 last September, bought a Christmas lottery ticket with the same number.

The big winner in results announced last night, Ortega took home \$30,000 (£11,000).—UPI.

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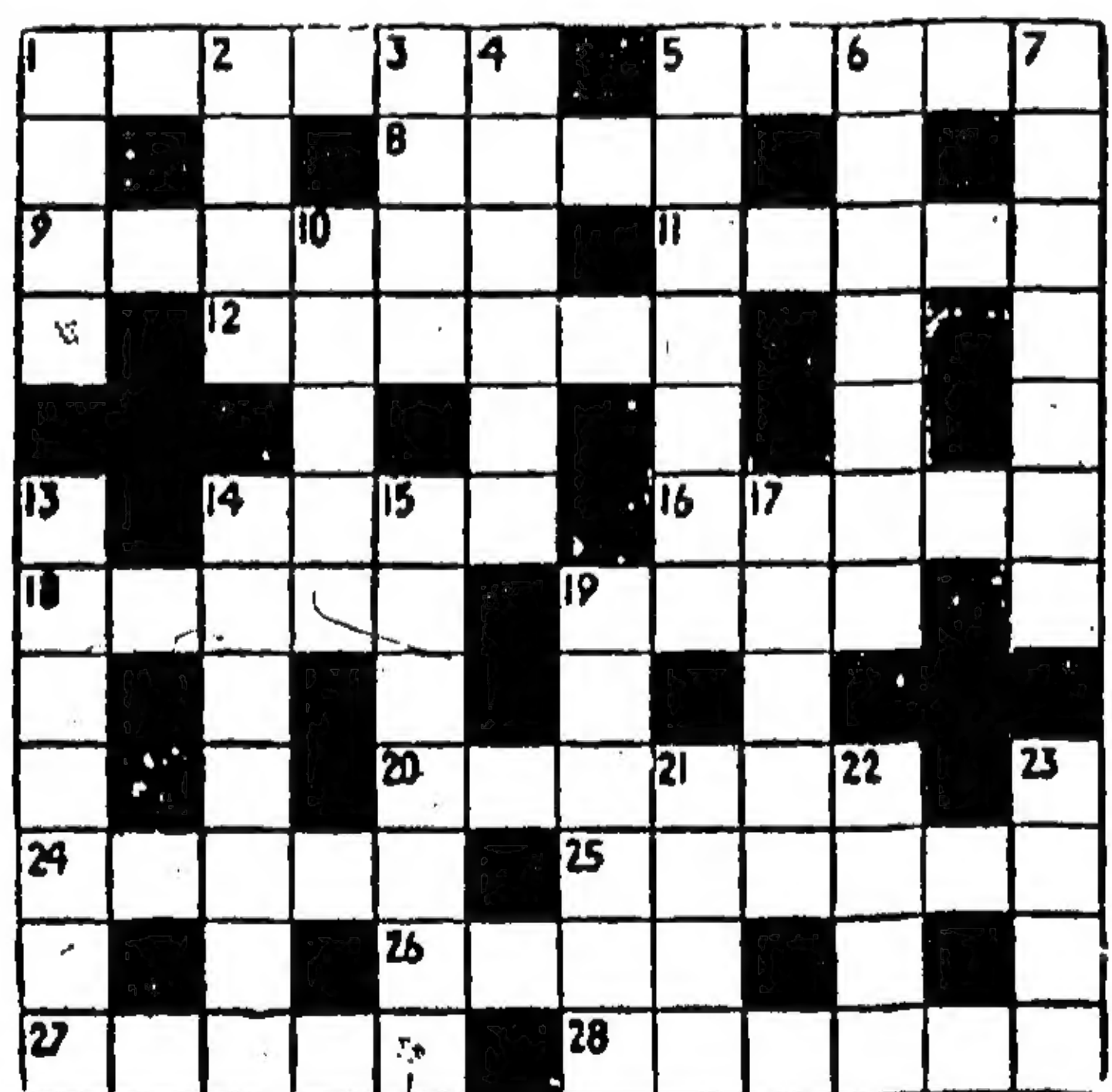
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### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 1 One parent (6).
- 5 But did this dance originate in Burma? (5).
- 8 The weathercock sounds concealed (4).
- 9 The other parent (6).
- 11 Possibly regal drink (5).
- 12 Getting so old as to see about nothing (6).
- 14 Not a very bright pool, by the sound of him (4).
- 16 Over-satisfies (5).
- 18 The pick of the Carnotites (5).
- 19 Means of support (4).
- 20 Working temporarily (6).
- 24 Not dried up (5).
- 25 Does some additional work? (6).
- 26 VIP river (4).
- 27 They're wise but middle-aged (5).
- 28 Knuckled? (6).

#### DOWN

- 1 Renown (4).
- 2 Little ones (4).
- 3 Well balanced (4).
- 4 It's not often seen (6).
- 5 Possibly happy liberation (7).
- 6 Grubs (7).
- 7 It does not seem a solid foundation for warlike operations (7).
- 10 Kernel (5).
- 13 Takes oneself off from temporary quarters? (7).
- 14 Encompassing (7).
- 15 Produces effervescence (7).
- 17 Go-between (5).
- 19 Unwanted brood (6).
- 21 Scottish island (4).
- 22 Wet-weather Sarah (5).
- 23 Philistines' cancelled (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: Solus, 4 Skirts, 8 In step, 10 Pagan, 12 Artist, 14 Hard roc, 17 Kate, 19 Dornages, 20 Glamour, 22 Lena, 23 Citizen, 27 Sirens, 29 Downs, 30 Gambit, 31 Scrape, 32 Blash, Down: 1 Smith, 2 Lower, 3 Shear, 5 Kepl, 6 Rag-tag, 7 Singes, 9 pro-Duce, 11 Askari, 13 Tearing, 15 Able, 16 Domain, 18 Tele, 20 G-lady, 21 Answer, 24 Tears, 25 Zebra, 26 Natch, 28 R.S.V.P.

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IN Rome, Caesar Augustus learned that all men are not honest. He ruled the known world, but the amount of taxes was not commensurate with the number of subjects.

He held a council in Rome, and his advisers told Caesar that he could not levy an equitable tax until he had an accurate idea of the populations of the several provinces.

Caesar issued an imperial receipt ordering all subjects, in the winter solstice, to return to the cities of their fathers and there be counted. This, of course, would work hardship on millions of people, and in a two-week period of migration, would upset the economic balance as men left their work to travel to distant cities, but it had to be done.

The census would be taken in many tongues, and in places along the Rhine River, the Danube, North Africa, Portugal, Syria, Belgium, Egypt, Palestine and all along the north Mediterranean shore. Many of the subject peoples chafed when the law was proclaimed. They said that Caesar was not a just king to do this to them. Even in a small town like Nazareth, which Caesar Augustus would not know by name, the Jews said that it was not fair.

Joseph sought the local tax merchant and asked if women in advanced pregnancy could be excused and he was told that no one could be excused. Even the lame and the blind had to report to the cities of their fathers, and many would have to be carried on palanquins.

Joseph consoled Mary by telling her that the ancient

prophecy, in spite of their wishes, was coming true. She saw the truth of this and her murmurs of discontent died on her lips. Originally, she had protested that a long rough journey would risk the life of the baby.

On second thought, this appeared to be a ridiculous assumption because, if she had been graced by God to bear the messiah, then nothing could happen to the baby.

They started on the trip south, two young and solemn people with short and slender jacks who bore the most excited burden ever to honour an animal. Joseph consoled Mary by reminding her that, if he paced the trip correctly, and they were not halted by her rain or sand storms, she would see Jerusalem at sundown. The final few miles were fatiguing. Joseph stumbled many times in the dark and, over his big ones winked coldly across the centuries of time.

When they were miles from Bethlehem, she said no. She felt discomfort, she said, but it was bearable, and she had no com-

6 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, as saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace, goodwill towards men. . . .

—Luke II—11-14.

—conclusion—

## THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

By JIM BISHOP



plaint. She hoped that they reach the inn in time.

The stretch of road into Bethlehem curved broadly and climbed steadily. To the left the valley was precipitous. Four hundred feet below, the whistle of shepherds could be heard and sometimes, in the deep shadows, they could be heard exchanging greetings. It was a cool night with a fair breeze coming out of the south. In the darkness, the stars brightened and sparkled so that, among the clusters of little blue ones, the big ones winked coldly across the centuries of time.

Joseph leaned forward to pull the ass a little faster. He reached the city of David and found to his dismay, that there were multitudes of people, some

sleeping beside the road. He had not realised that there were so many who belonged to the House of David.

His heart sank as he found that Bethlehem consisted of one main road running north and south, and two cross-roads. The inn was to the left, built on a cliff of rocky soil overlooking the valley. Joseph went directly to the inn, knowing that he would find room here or he would find it nowhere.

He left Mary and the animal outside, and assured his wife that he would make arrangements. Some families were sleeping outside the inn, against the wall. She said nothing.

Joseph started to go inside, then stopped and returned.

"Under the law," he said, "you must have a midwife at once. Let me first find one."

She shook her head no. The important thing, she said, was privacy. She was not worried about assistance. God had promised to take care of her, and she needed no additional help.

Joseph went inside. The floor of the main room was full of people sleeping in their clothing, with bundles propped under their heads. The odours of the unwashed, and spiced foods, filled the place. The young man sought the proprietor. With supplication on his face, he begged for a small private place for his wife, who was with child.

The owner listened and threw up both hands. Where? he asked. Where would you go for privacy? His own family had no room in which to sleep. Every cubit of space had been rented three days ago, and some of the transients were taking turns in sleeping in one space.

My wife, said Joseph in a tone this side of begging, is about to have her first born in an hour or two. Can you not please find room? A little room?

The owner became irritable. Every house, every field in Bethlehem was filled with people from all over the country.

Judas. Some of the regular caravans between Egypt and the upland country chose to continue their journeys at night rather than remain in this overcrowded place. Where then could a woman have a baby? Nowhere. Some people were even sleeping below in the valley, sidled by bleating sheep looking for forage.

The owner's wife heard part of the plea. She called her husband aside and asked questions. The night was chill, she said. Look at the men outside the inn, sleeping with their cloaks over their noses. Why could not the young man take his wife to the cave below; the cave where the animals were kept?

The owner shrugged. If Joseph wanted privacy, he said, the only place left was down the side path to the cave where

the asses and small animals were kept. He was welcome to it. If one wanted to bring a baby into the world in a place like that, Joseph inclined his head. I am grateful, he said. I thank you. He dragged his feet returning to Mary. He told her the news. She was not vexatious; in fact, she seemed to be relieved.

"Take me," she said, "The time grows short."

There were paths leading from both sides of the inn down the side of the cliff. In front, as on the bows of a big ship, there was an entrance to the cave, which had been carved out a long time ago. Joseph paused to light his small lamp, then led the donkey inside. He turned to look at Mary, and, in the yellow rays, he saw that she was in deep fatigue. The shank of the road had powdered her face. She removed her veil, shook out her hair, and slid down off the animal. Her bones ached.

Joseph apologised. He said that he was sorry that the Hospice of Channan had no room for her, but she could see the crowds of people. He was ashamed that he had failed her in this hour. He must confess that he had not been much of a husband, he hadn't even found a midwife.

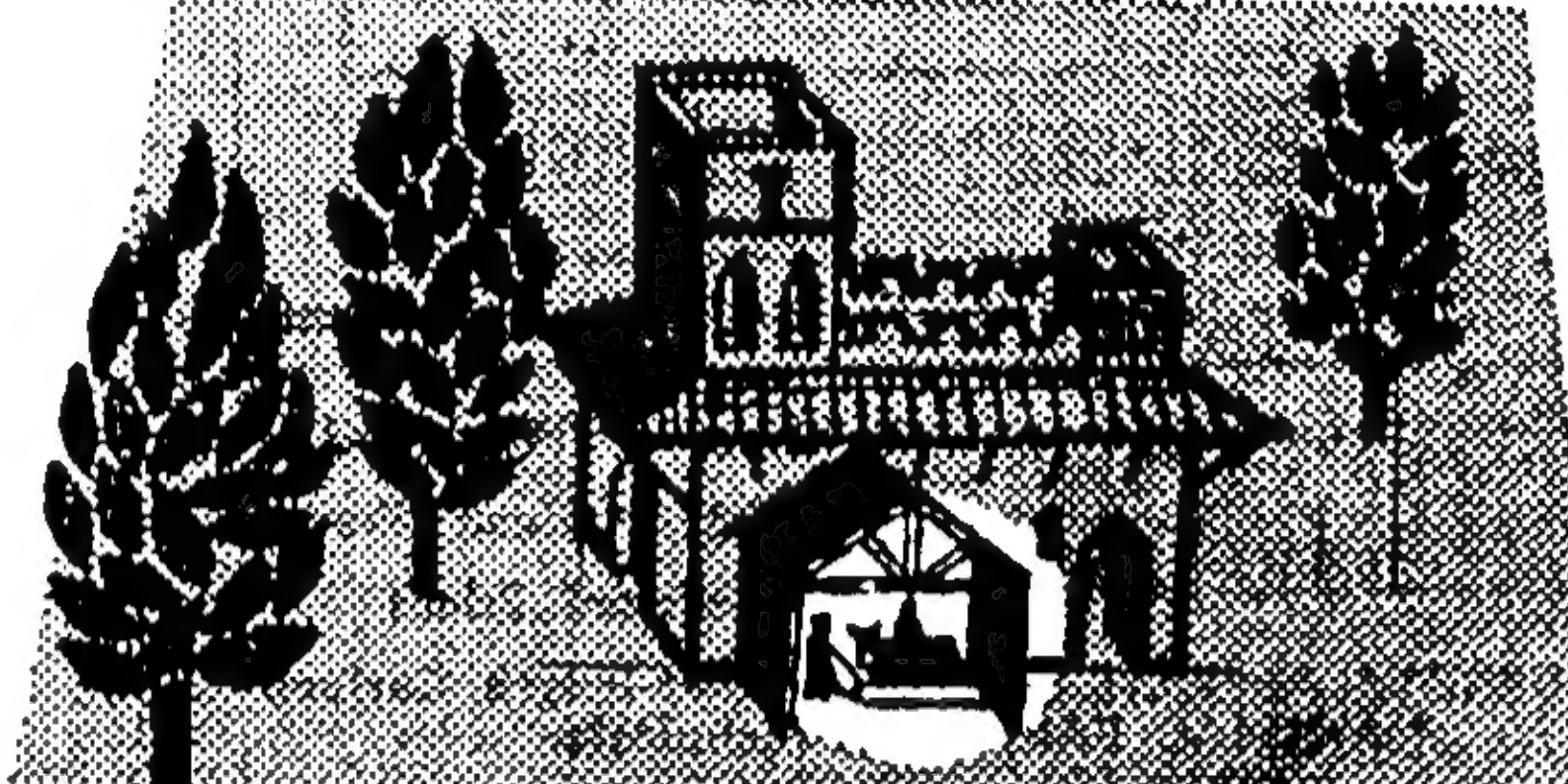
For a moment, Mary consoled her discomfort. She brought a tender smile to her face. She told her husband that he had not failed her; he had been good and tender and lawful. He hung his head and listened. Mary looked around at the haltered cattle, the few lambs, some asses and a camel.

If it is the will of God, she said, that His son should be born in a place like this, Mary would not question the wisdom of it.

At the age of fifteen, she would undergo this trial alone, as thirty-four years later, her son would undergo his trial alone.

She asked Joseph to build a small fire on the path outside, and to fetch some water from the gossikin. Joseph did as she directed. He found an extra lamp hanging on a stable peg, and he lit this one and the stable brightened, and the animals watched in glistening-eyed silence, their breaths making small gray plumes in the gloom.

Joseph collected clean straw from the feed boxes, cleaned out



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a stall, and arranged the straw as a bed and placed his cloak over it. Then he looked for wood outside, and found none. He went back up to the hospice, and bought some charcoal from the owner. When the water was hot, he filled a jar, and brought it to Mary with some cloths. She was standing, hanging onto the wall of the stall with both hands.

Her head was down, and he could not see her face. In fear, he asked her to turn what he could do. She said to go outside and tend the fire and heat more water and to remain there until she called him.

The animals watched him go, and they watched anxiously as Mary sank on the straw.

The fire outside burned brightly in the southerly breeze and little trains of ruddy sparks flew off into the dark night. Joseph sat beside it, heating the water and praying. He begged God for mercy for his wife. He promised much in atonement if God would grant to his Mary an easy birth. He would do good works for God, and would, if it was His will, remain chaste for the rest of his life.

No one came down from the inn to ask how the young woman felt. If she moaned aloud, no one heard except the animals, some of whom stopped chewing for a moment to watch; others of whom opened sleepy eyes to see. Time was slow; there was an infinity of silence; a timeless time when the future of mankind hung in empty space; when a woman stands in the doorway to death to bring forth life.

Joseph had run out of prayers and promises. His face was sick, his eyes listless. He looked up toward the east, and his dark eyes mirrored a strange thing: three stars, coming over the Mountains of

Moab, were fused into one, tremendously bright one. His eyes caught the glint of bright blue light, almost like a tiny moon, and he wondered about it and was still vaguely troubled by it when he heard a tiny thin wall, a sound so slender that one had to listen again for it to make sure.

He wanted to rush inside at once. He got to his feet, and he moved no further. She would call him. He would wait. Joseph peered up and down, not realising that men had done this thing for centuries before he was born, and would continue it for many centuries after he had gone.

"Joseph." It was a soft call, but he heard it. At once, he picked up the second jar of water and hurried inside. The two lamps still shed a soft glow over the stable, even though it seemed years since they had been lighted.

The first thing he noticed was his wife. Mary was sitting tailor-fashion with her back against a manger wall. Her face was clean; her hair had been brushed. There were blue hollows under her eyes. She smiled at her husband and nodded. Then she stood.

She beckoned him to come closer. Joseph, mouth agape, followed her to a little manger. It had been cleaned and, where the animals had nipped the edges of the wood, the boards were worn and splintered. In the manger were the broad bolts of white swaddling she had brought on the trip. They were doubled underneath and over the top of the baby.

Mary smiled at her husband as he bent far over to look. There, beneath the cloths, he saw the tiny red face of an infant.

This, said Joseph to himself, is the one of whom the angel spoke. He dropped to his knees beside the manger. This was the Messiah. . . .

## Secrets of the Flaming Pencil

BRITAIN'S 2,000 m.p.h. JET HAS POTTERY, STAINLESS STEEL AND A 'DEEP FREEZE' COCKPIT

By PETER WOON



THE "Flaming Pencil," Britain's fastest-ever aircraft, was unveiled recently. It is a fantastic machine that will play a vital part in the research towards faster-than-sound airliners.

Stainless steel has been welded into the long, narrow fuselage, and into the knife-edged, paper-thin wings which carry two outsize jet engines.

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### FIRST FLIGHT

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The plane will carry a heavy load of instruments to test structure, power, refrigeration, and control through the Heat Barrier.

In closely guarded sheds at their Filton headquarters, a

hand-picked team of Bristol Aircraft designers and technicians led by Britannia designer "Doc" Russell have been working for five years on the 188.

They had to draw up entirely new structure techniques to beat the Heat Barrier.

### MELTING

Conventional aluminium alloys cannot withstand the 150-degree temperatures met beyond twice the speed of sound or 1,500 miles an hour. Newer, precious titanium "creeps" and expands above 350 degrees.

But steel can take it up to about 600 degrees. After that nickel-based alloys may be needed.

Originally the 188 was intended to carry out investigations into armaments and blaze the trail for a new generation of high-speed fighters. Now its task is pure research.

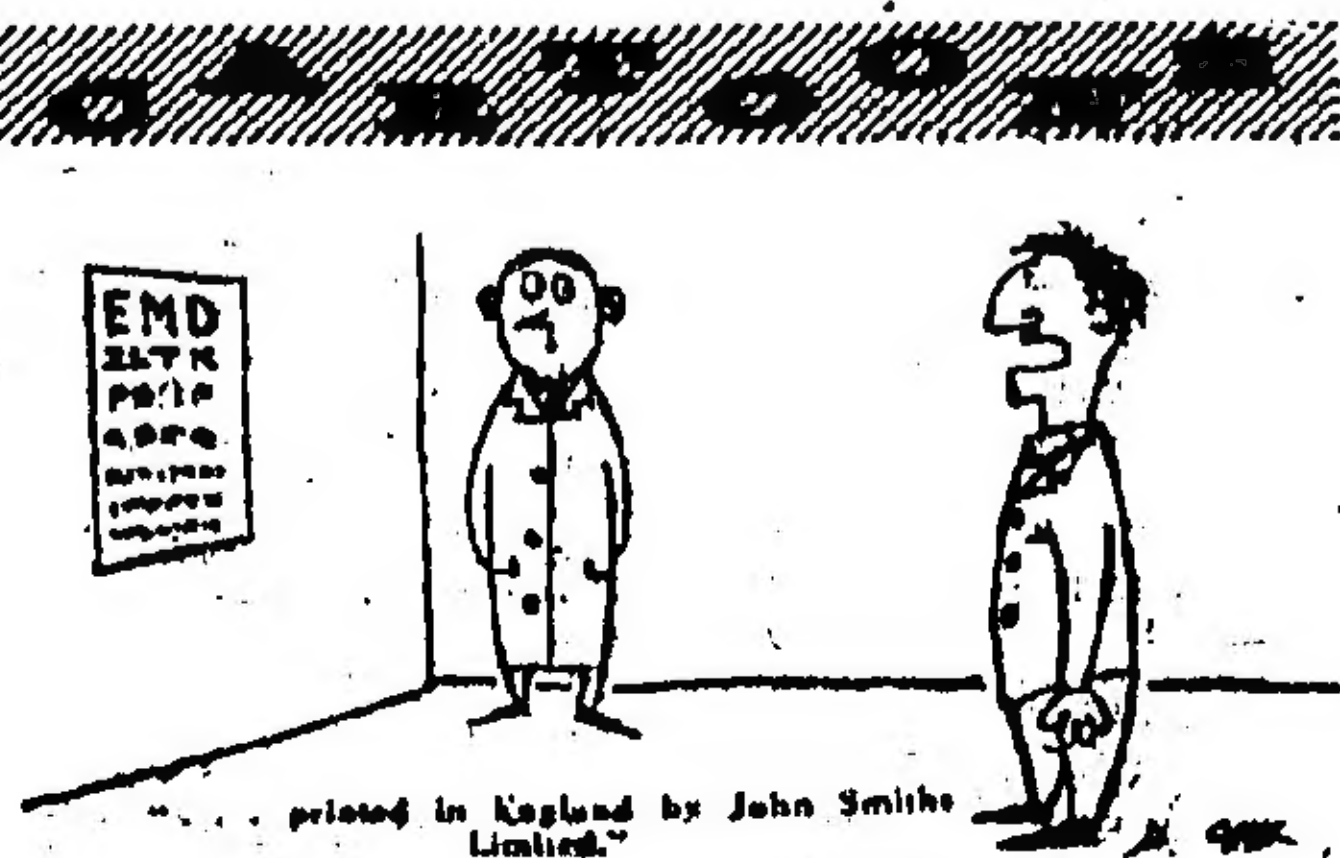
It is powered by two de Havilland Gyron Junior jets.

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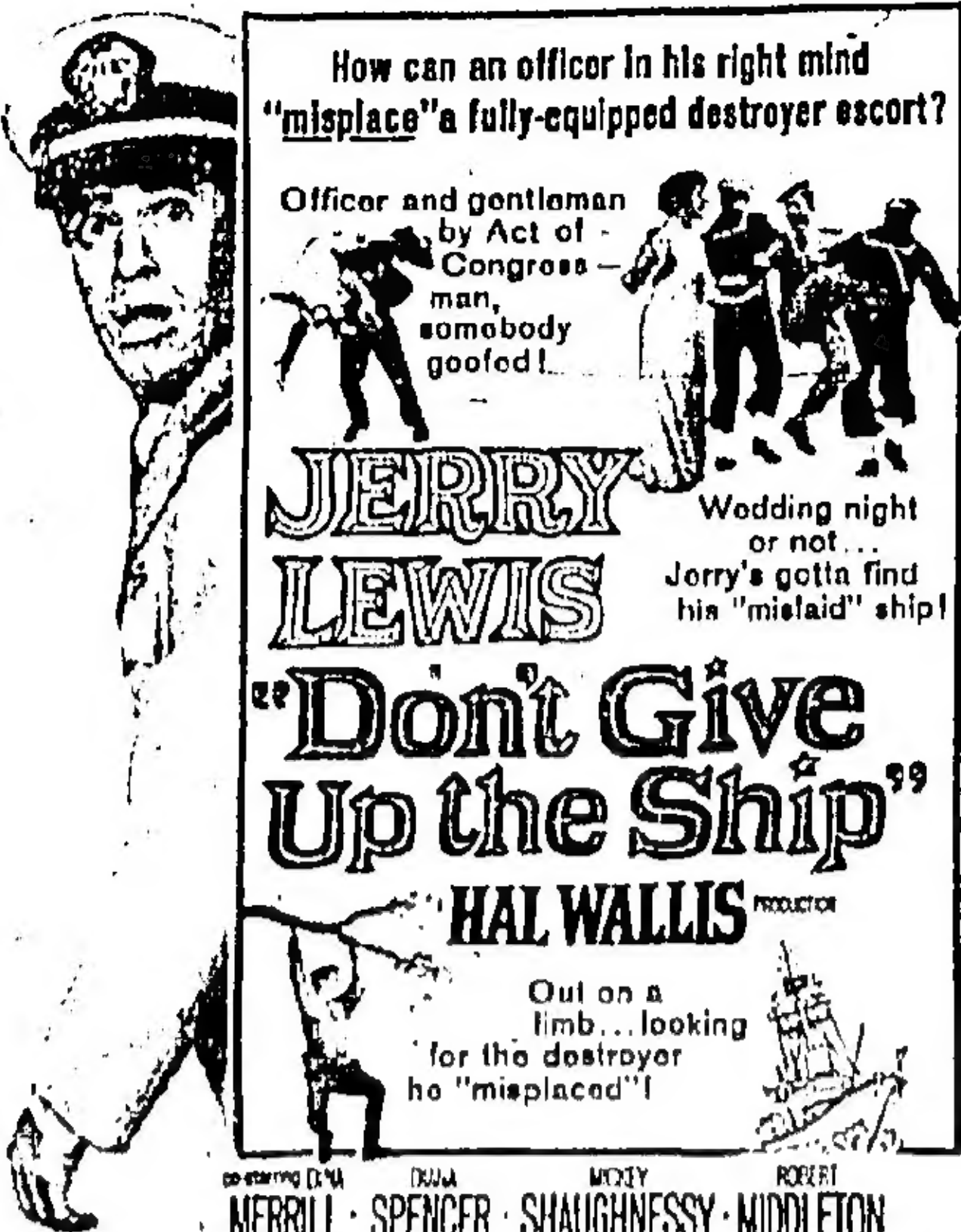


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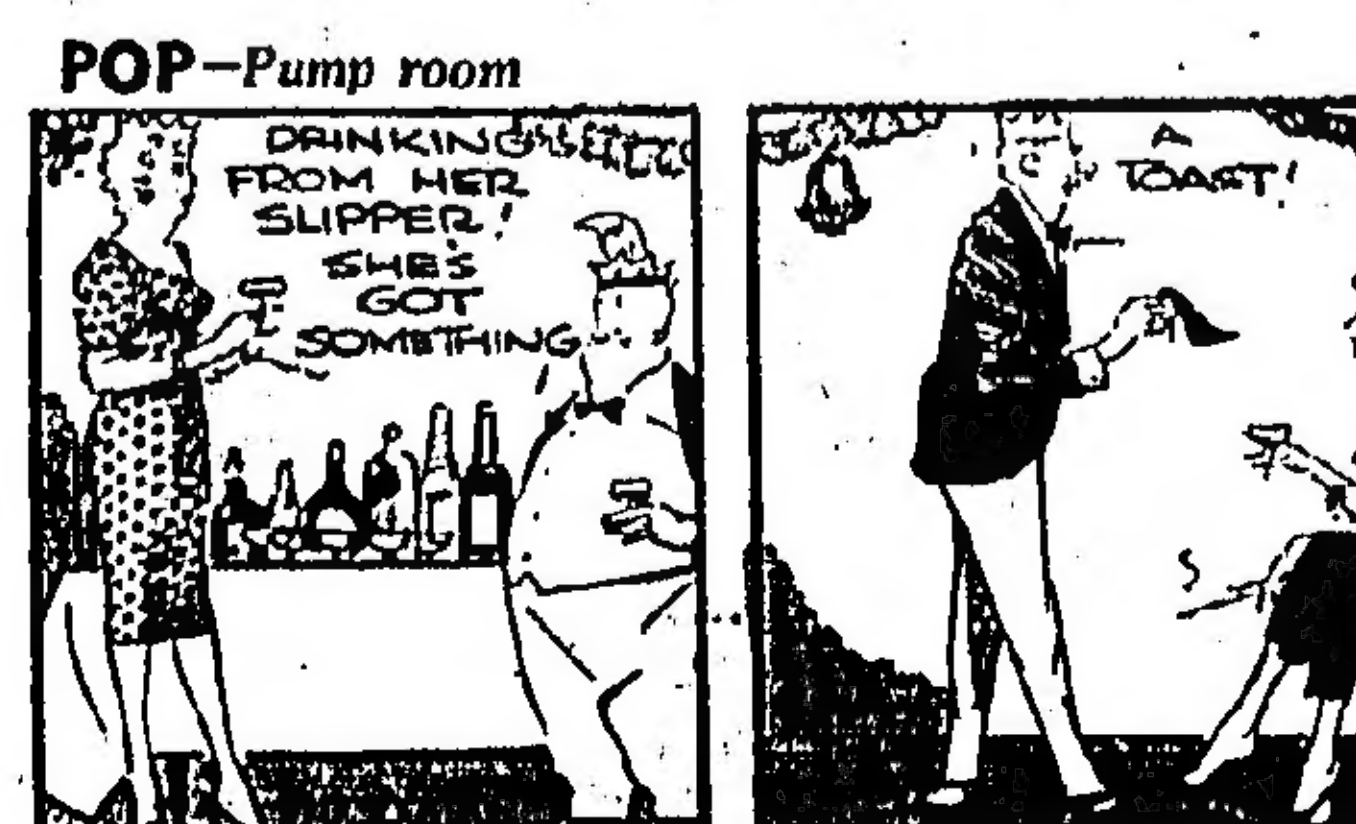
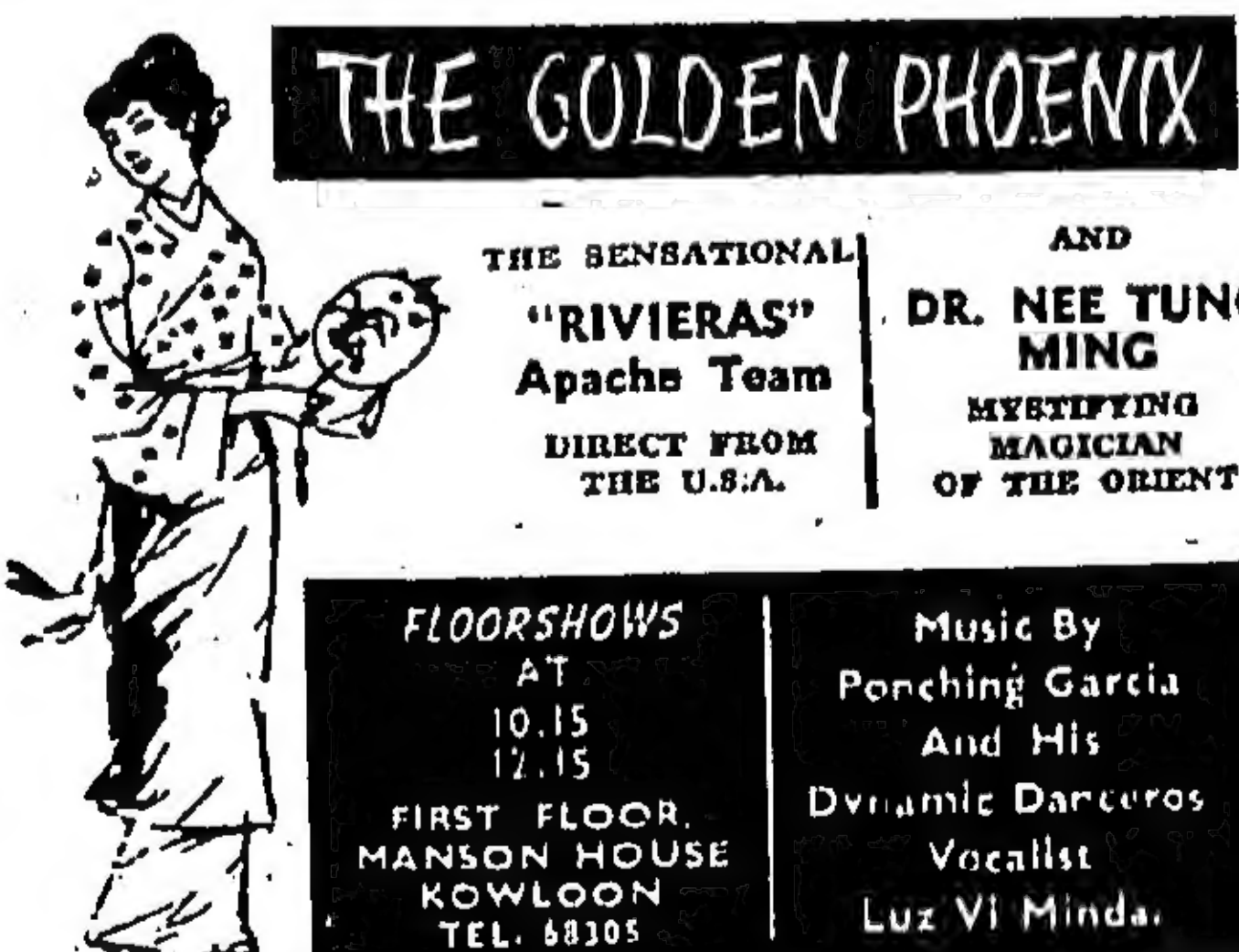
TO-MORROW At 12.30 p.m. Lee J. Cobb • Gia Scala  
• Kerwin Mathews in "THE GARMENT JUNGLE"

SATURDAY, DEC. 26 At 12.30 p.m. Pat Boone • Janet  
Caynor • Terry Moore in "BERNARDINE"  
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Sunday, Dec. 27 At 11.00 a.m.  
M-G-M Presents  
"A SELECTED  
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JERRY AND VARIETY  
COLOR CARTOONS"

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Lex Barker • Forrest  
Tucker • Rita Moreno in  
"THE DEERSLAYER" in CinemaScope & Color

### NEW YEAR ATTRACTION



## Surgeon's Will Has Unusual Condition

London, Dec. 23. Medical students at Aberdeen University will qualify for a share in a Scottish surgeon's £60,000 bequest, as long as lineage has made them third-generation Scots and they either stop smoking or never start.

The two conditions were laid down in the will of Mr. John Hunter, who left the money to the University to help undergraduates during their training.

A spokesman for the late surgeon's hospital, St Mary's, Manchester, said that the no-smoking rule had been inserted to ensure that the money was usefully applied for study.

He added: "Hunter was a moderate smoker and had no bias about the habit."—China Mail Special.

## Another London Theatre To Be Pulled Down

London, Dec. 23. Plans to demolish a well-known London theatre, the Winter Garden in Drury Lane, were announced today.

A property development company said they had bought it and were awaiting permission to pull it down and build a shop and office block on the site.

The theatre was opened in 1919.—China Mail Special.

## 50 Miles Now

London, Dec. 23. Dr. Barbara Moore is now only 50 miles from her destination—London.—Reuters.

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Morning Shows  
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At Popular Prices  
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"WHITE CHRISTMAS"  
Starring  
Bing Crosby • Danny Kaye

BOXING DAY  
Errol Flynn in  
"ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD"

December 27th  
Bob Hope • Fernandel in  
"PARIS HOLIDAY"

## Doctors Borrow Jet Pilot's Suit To Save Her Life

Braintree, Dec. 23. An American jet pilot's anti-G suit has saved the life of a 67-year-old Englishwoman in hospital here.

Mrs. Edith Hurry had to lie flat on her back, unable to move, because extra low blood pressure caused her to lose consciousness every time she tried to stand.

Doctors telephoned Dr. William Stanford, an American surgeon with the 20th Tactical Fighter-Bomber Wing of the United States Air Force at Wethersfield. Arrangements were made for Mrs. Hurry to be fitted with an anti-G suit, which prevents a jet pilot from having black-outs when the force of gravity is multiplied during aerial manoeuvres.

The idea worked. Within minutes Mrs. Hurry was able to stand unaided and remain conscious for the first time in more than six months.

She said: "I can never repay the Americans enough for what they have done for me. I look a sight walking about in a space suit, but so long as I get better I don't care."

A hospital official said: "Without the suit Mrs. Hurry would have stood little chance of recovery."—China Mail Special.

## MP Seeks To Abolish 1361 Law

London, Dec. 23. A 600-year-law, the Justices of the Peace Act of 1361, will be repealed if a Labour MP, Mr. Leslie Hale has his way.

He has given notice that he will introduce a bill to repeal the act, "Made in the Parliament Holden at Westminster the Sunday next before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, in the thirty-fourth year of King Edward the Third."

It was under this Act that seven members of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War appeared at Marylebone Court, London.

They were summoned to show cause why they should not be bound over to keep the peace for 12 months but six refused to be bound over and were sent to prison for two months.

Opposition MPs have urged the Home Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, to advise the Queen to remit the sentences.—China Mail Special.

## PULLED LOAD OF TOYS 113 MILES

Wolverhampton, Dec. 23. Pulling a cart full of toys and carrying a placard saying "113 miles pull by students from Newland Park College, Buckinghamshire, to Wolverhampton," a party of students from the college at Chalfont-St. Giles ended a 50-hour walk outside the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton.

## Flying To England For Xmas Meal

New York, Dec. 23. Lynn Porter plans to fly to England to have a Christmas dinner in a London hotel just for Christmas day.

Porter, 44, a restaurant owner in the village of Penna Yan, said since his restaurant would be closed, he planned to have his Christmas meal at "the next best place in the world," the Hotel Connaught.

He will take a chartered plane on Tuesday to New York City and board a passenger flight to London. He will return home the next day.

Porter, of English descent, visited England last year. He is a bachelor.—AP.

## Gaitskell To Visit U.S.

London, Dec. 23. Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, will visit the United States and West Indies next year, it was announced today.

Mr. Gaitskell will leave for New York, Washington, and Jamaica at the beginning of January. He may also visit Trinidad.—UPI.

## IN SCOTLAND THEY PLAY THE BAGPIPES



## SHOCK FOR ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

London, Dec. 23. The Royal College of Physicians has discovered that it has held its title for over a century, apparently without authorisation.

Now an attempt is being made to regularise the position with a Private Bill entitled "The Royal College of Physicians of London Act 1960."

A preamble to the Bill explains that in Acts before 1858 the institution was described as the "Faculty of Physic in London."

In three Bills since then it has been referred to under its present title—but none of these Bills, or any other, had authorised this.—China Mail Special.

## CARRIERS IN TOW AGAIN

Honolulu, Dec. 23. Two U.S. decommissioned aircraft carriers were back on a long haul course for Japan on Wednesday, after drifting more than a week in the mid-Pacific, about 600 miles south of Midway Island.

The U.S. Navy reported the Canadian tug Sudbury took the escort class carrier Guadalcanal in tow on Wednesday after the Dutch tug Clyde, had earlier fixed a tow line to the Mission Bay, a sister ship.

The Dutch tug Elbe lost tow lines to both carriers on Dec. 15 in heavy seas and had her propeller fouled.

The Guadalcanal and Mission Bay drifted about 100 miles apart before the rescue tugs reached them. The carriers will be towed to Japan scrapping yards, their original destination.—AP.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

Denver, Dec. 23. For the third time in four years, Mrs. Wanda Umstead has borne twins without the aid of a physician.

In each case the babies have been delivered by her husband, Clifton, 63, a mechanic.

The newest babies—David and Debra—were born on Monday at the two-bedroom trailer where the Umsteads live in suburban Adams City. There are now 11 children in the family.

The older children were delivered by physicians, Mr. Umstead said, adding: "After I delivered the first set of twins my wife decided she didn't need a doctor."—AP.

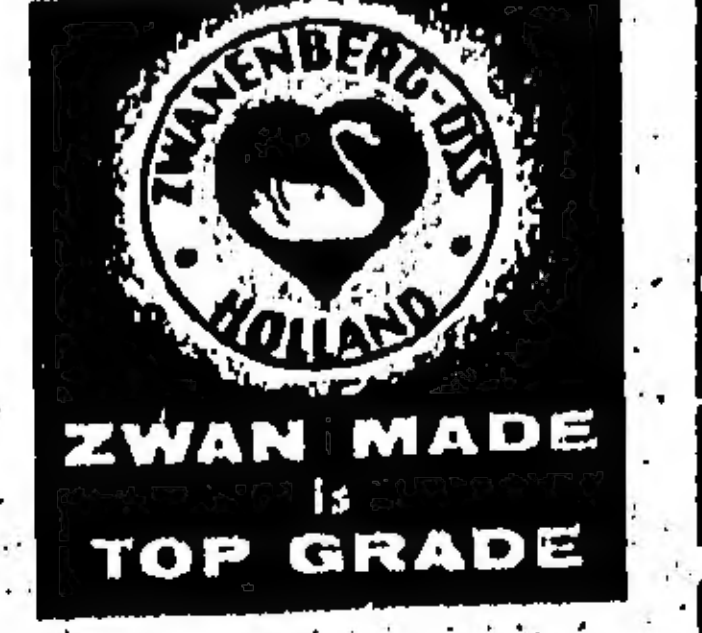
## METROPOLE

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27th Dec. at 11.00 a.m.  
WALT DISNEY'S  
CARTOONS  
At 12.30 p.m.  
"PUBLIC PIGEON NO. ONE"

ASTOR THEATRE  
To-morrow at 11.00 a.m.  
"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS"  
At 12.30 p.m.  
"ALL MEINE TO GIVE"

26th Dec. at 11.00 a.m.  
"PETER PAN"  
At 12.30 p.m.  
"LITTLE WOMEN"

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Morning Show For Holidays  
Tomorrow: "HOUSE OF SECRETS"  
Saturday: "FUNNY FACE"

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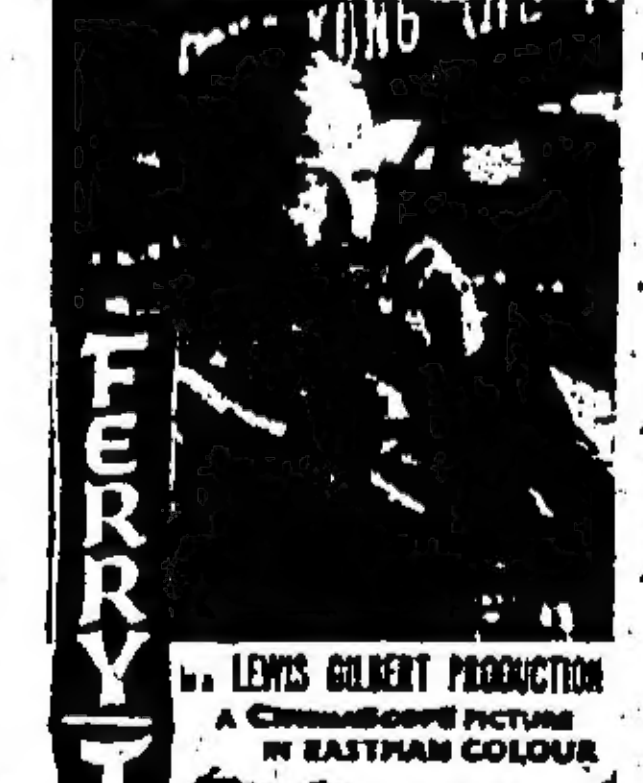


TO-MORROW  
WALT DISNEY STUDIOS in  
"THE SIGN OF ZORRO"

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25th Friday, At 11.00 a.m.  
"PETER PAN"  
At 12.30 p.m.  
"THE WILD ONE"  
26th Saturday, At 11.00 a.m.  
P.A.E. COLOR CARTOONS  
At 12.30 p.m.  
"ROAD TO RALI"  
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# WOMANSENSE

**LADY LUCK**

your  
**CHINA MAIL**  
horoscope

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

**AQUARIUS** (7) (January 21-February 19): You will have a very good change tonight to clear up a misunderstanding with a member of your family.

**PISCES** (4) (February 20-March 20): You may have to postpone writing a long letter to a distant friend until after the holidays, as your social activities will take up all of your time.

**ARIES** (11) (March 21-April 19): You will receive valuable advice from a fellow guest at a party regarding your plans for next year.

**TAURUS** (3) (April 20-May 20): Do only the most necessary jobs today and spend as much as possible of your time in the happy circle of your family.

**GEMINI** (8) (May 21-June 21): Accept an invitation from newly arrived neighbours to share in their celebrations. It will give them a sense of belonging.

**CANCER** (1) (June 22-July 21): Try to show goodwill and a friendly spirit even towards those who have not been too co-operative in the past year.

**LEO** (6) (July 22-August 21): A person born at the beginning of November may try to disturb the smooth running of your household.

**Be firm but courteous.**

**VIRGO** (2) (August 22-September 22): You will feel a great surge of happiness when you see so many members of your family happily united.

**LIBRA** (10) (September 23-October 22): Since you have had quite enough of living on your own, you should now welcome the chance of finding a suitable partner.

**SCORPIO** (12) (October 23-November 21): Although always a kind and generous host, you will find this year's celebration the best ever.

**SAGITTARIUS** (9) (November 22-December 21): In order not to spoil the prevailing atmosphere of cheerfulness and goodwill, try to curb your tendency to sarcasm.

**CAPRICORN** (5) (December 22-January 20): Try to live up to your reputation for being the life of the party, even though you may not be feeling particularly gay.

**YOUR LUCKY NUMBER:** Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for today.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): This would be an opportune time to bury the hatchet and go half way to meet an estranged friend.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Don't be hurt by other people's snobbish behaviour. It often conceals a sense of inferiority.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You are liable to make other people uncomfortable if you harp too much on your own accomplishments.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Learn to trust rather than mistrust people and you will be right more of the time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Don't let a rather perplexing situation spoil your holiday mood. Calm nerves and intelligent planning will get you safely out of it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): If you want to be liked, you will often have to listen politely to advice on matters on which you don't need any.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): Your attitude to your colleagues may have to undergo a drastic change in the new year if you want to

get along smoothly and achieve greater success.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): You are inclined at times to say things without much previous thought, and since your words are taken to be a mirror of your mind, you ought to be more careful what you say.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): It is quite natural for you always to be striving to improve yourself. Don't be put off by people ridiculing your ambitions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Don't mind having a certain amount of rather dull routine work to do. It gives you time to think.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): Don't forget your joy in today's family reunion and remember to meet again without waiting another year.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Try not to be too much of a perfectionist. Your failure to reach an impossible goal will only make you dissatisfied.

**YOUR BIRTHDAY:** If this is your birthday, the double celebration will augur a very happy year for you and your family.

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

**EAST** gathered in the first two spade tricks and shifted to the jack of diamonds.

South won with his ace and drew trumps with two leads. Then he took stock of the hand and decided that things weren't as nice as they might be. He rather wished his partner had got into a three-trump contract, but it was too late for that so he looked around for ways and means to avoid losing two more tricks.

East could hold the queen of clubs, but South thought that was unlikely; so was a club break to get up dummy's fourth club for a discard since it looked as if East had started with seven spades.

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North and South vulnerable

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## ♥ CARD Sense ♥

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1♠ Double Pass ? You, South, hold: ♠ Q J 7 4 3 ♥ A K 6 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 8 7 What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. This is not a forcing bid, but does invite your partner to take action if he has a satisfactory double.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner raises you to three spades. What do you do now?

Answer on Saturday

## Oh, why won't Fathers act their age?

THE great thing about one of the most hotly debated problems of the past week was not, in my opinion: "Should 18 marry 54?" It was WHY?

Why does a deb, with looks, vitality and a good deal of fun about her want a father-figure as a husband?

"The gulf between the children and parents of this generation is narrowing," said the Bishop of Buckingham to me recently. "Children mature more swiftly. Parents stay younger longer."

Which means, as I see it, that the Man in Authority—Head of the House—is out of date.

Today's Dads like to be known to their children by their Christian names, mistaken for their daughter's boy-friends, complimented on their figures, their exuberance, and the splendid way they have retained their hair.

### Phoney...

Which is a pity. Because children need to be ruled. They like to know how they stand—to know their "rights." Dammit, they've got to cut their teeth on authority somehow.

And if not at home, where can they gain the ability to sidestep...to dissemble...to "give way" gracefully?

The "best-of-pals" parent act is false. False because life moves so swiftly that even as little as 18 or 20 years makes all the difference.

"Fannie's father is absolutely ghastly," I heard a 15-year-old girl sighing recently. "He will JOIN IN."

"Mine's NEVER in," said her companion—and switched back to Marty Wilde and his moaning.

### Hard? No!

I submit that what most daughters need is a ROCK to return to...a shoulder to weep on once in a while, and a pair of big strong arms for comfort in this slightly bewildering world.

Teenagers may have hard, hard exteriors. But like crabs, they are terribly soft and tender inside.

The saddest comment on the marriage of Earl Beatty (54) to Diane Kirk (18) is summed up in one brief newspaper line—"She calls him Daddy."

### Remorseless logic...

"BEFORE going to bed President Truman always washed his socks and sometimes even his underwear."

"At first I protested and told him that this was my job," he answered, "my dear mother taught me when I was a child that this is a job which must be done by every person himself."

I read this aloud to my son. "It's from an article by the President's chief—Twenty-five Years in the White House."

"So what?" said my son. "Rather touching, isn't it?"

"A man with his responsibility! A President. Washing out his combs, when he should have been thinking up laws or something!"

"But it was only because his dear old mother taught him to."

"Let that be a lesson to you," said my son darkly. "You don't want me making a fool of myself in the history books do you?"

### A change of mind

THE seven-year-old daughter of a highly efficient, committee-minded woman I know is a tireless worker, born organizer and ardent feminist—was asked how her plans to become a nurse in later life were shaping.

"Oh I thought of that ages ago when I was tiny," said the disenchanted infant, airily. "Now I've decided to grow up into a woman and push other women around."

There may be a moral here somewhere.

## So hideous! But somebody must buy them

WHO buys them—and what on earth do they do with them? Who receives them—and how do they stand up to the strain?

Never, never, never have I seen such a hideous collection of monstrous mis-design crossed with vulgarity and touched up with futility as graces the "gift counters" this season.

Have you ever considered presenting your nearest and dearest with some nutcrackers in brass shaped like a pair of girl's legs?

Or a scolding-wax set complete with teeny weeny candles? Or a hair brush with a domed glass back containing a low-relief view of Buckingham Palace?

Have you ever received a mustard pot shaped like a bird that squeaks as you lift it? Or a toilet-seat cover in frilled white lace with a rose in the middle? Or a "winebottle cover" shaped like a miniature overcoat with a funny little face on top?

Yet all these things are now on sale.

My theory is that frantic, wild-eyed women—their eyes glazed and their feet ground to pulp by days of futile "searchings after the perfect present"—rush in and take the first thing they see.

Or could it be that these "gifts" are only for present—no—keeping?

In which case the church year.

### The kindness of people

HERE'S a little story to warm the hearts of those who are mildly impatient with some of the false tinsel values of a twentieth-century Christmas.

The demand for orphans to enjoy holiday-time hospitality exceeds the supply.

"We simply haven't any to spare," said Mr. Belben, who is in charge of the entertainments side of Dr. Barnardo's at Stepney. "They are all booked up."

"The telephone never stops—and I've a pile of applications. It's the same with our Village Homes in Barking."

"I rang them yesterday to see if they could let me have a couple—not to disappoint a very special applicant—but they hadn't one."

"No, I'm not speaking only of Boxing Day, but for the whole Christmas holiday period."

"The Church of England Homes tell me a very similar story. Actually they've been sending people on to us."

"Some of our little lads will be seeing the circus three and four times."

"Not that they mind. They love it. You'll be careful what you say now, won't you? It would be terrible if this resulted in a falling off of offers next year."

bazaar stalls are in for a fearful windfall next year!

"On the other hand, it is good to know there are so many kind and selfless people around."

I report this mainly because it happens only at Christmas. Why not an orphan for Easter? Or Whitsun? Or some dismal wet Sunday in February?

Nothing like it in China!

WITH the builders making fire with my kitchen, entertaining has been more than difficult. But I have triumphed with some remarkable dishes.

It is surprising what one can get into a good-size casserole.

My favourite so far—on being presented with a Chinese doctor to dinner at four hours' notice—was some succulent, chunky chops, ½ lb. of mushrooms, and a tin of chopped bamboo shoots all cooked very slowly together in two packets of chicken noodle soup (slightly thicker than as directed), and a good measure of sherry.

"Chinese food!" cried our second guest ecstatically. "I don't know how she does it. Do you, doctor?"

"Madam," said the doctor turning to me with a faint bow and an even fainter wink, "it was magnificent."

"We have nothing like this in China," I believed him.

This could be you...

FOR the girl who doesn't look "right" in conventional furs... who feels the cold... who wants something startlingly different—a white raincoat with a striking black-flecked-white civet-coney lining. The coat is in "Aqua 5," an astonishingly, permanently proofed, water and oil repellent and seemingly indestructible fabric. The lining buttons in, and could equally well grace an evening coat.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

### A Difficult Question

—General Tin Gives The Right Answer—

By MAX TRELL  
EVERYBODY in the Playroom was grouped around General Tin, the Tin Soldier.

"Just give me a moment to think, please," General Tin was saying.

**Teddy's Orders**  
"Don't crowd him!" Give him a chance to think," exclaimed Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, to Knarl and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names.

"Stand back, Mary-Jane!" Teddy said to the Rag Doll.

For several minutes it seemed to Hanid like several hours—General Tin just stood there, thinking, not saying a word, not moving a muscle.

Hanid began to think that General Tin had fallen asleep, so she said in a loud voice:

"But, General Tin, there must be some reason why it gets cold in the winter!"

**Agreed Readily**  
"Oh, there is, there is," General Tin agreed readily. "Just let me think."

"Stand back! Let him think!" Teddy shouted again.

At last General Tin said: "I think I've got it."

"In the wintertime, it gets cold because the sun doesn't get up very high in the sky. The days are very short. The nights are very long. The sun isn't in the sky long enough to warm up the earth. It's like a furnace that goes out too soon. That's why it's cold in the wintertime."

**Not Satisfied**  
Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, wasn't very satisfied with this explanation. "I've got it," she said. "General Tin, but why are the days so short in the wintertime?" she asked.

Here, everyone else in the room took up Mary-Jane's cry, shouting:

**All Quiet**  
General Tin held up his hand and everyone fell silent.

Then he said quietly: "I'm an old soldier. I'm not very much at books. I have read one or two. I'll tell you what I read in one of them."

"The earth that we live on is like a 'walking' top. It walks round and round the sun as it goes on its way."

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General Tin was explaining Winter to Mary-Jane.

spins. But the earth doesn't spin straight up—it leans to one side. And as it leans to one side, it walks around the sun. And the top first, then the bottom of the earth, is nearest to the sun, depending on which side of the sun it is.

**Summer And Winter**  
"We live near the top half of the earth, so when that half leans nearest the sun, it is summer. And when that half is farthest away, it is winter."

Then when it is summer here, it is wintertime in the bottom half!" Knarl asked.

**In South America**  
"That's right," said General Tin. "It's wintertime up here now, but in South America and in Australia it is summer."

"You mean, General Tin," Teddy exclaimed, "that the boys and girls in South America and Australia go swimming at Christmas and ice skating in July?"

"That's just what I mean," said General Tin. "And that's all I know about why it gets cold in the winter."

**Thanks Him**  
Hanid smiled. "Thank you, General Tin," she said. "I knew there was some reason why it gets cold in the winter."

Everybody was going to leave when Teddy suddenly said: "Stand back...let me think...yes I know the reason why it gets cold in the winter. It gets cold in the winter because it isn't summer any more."

But no one in the room paid any attention to Teddy.

## Rupert and the Whistlefish—54



Hurrying back to Rupert's cottage the two friends show their wreaths of shells and flowers, and Sailor Sam tells of their hair-raising journey pulled by the fishes through the fog, of the strange city built in the sea, of his stay in a sea-prison and, finally, of their dining with a king, and Rupert adds his interesting bits of

adventure. Mrs. Bear looks rather shocked. "Now, now, Mr. Sam," she says. "I always knew that sailors were given to telling fairy stories, but you really shouldn't get my Rupert to back you up in them!"

The End.  
A New Adventure Begins on Saturday  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mini-Soccer Controversy

Sir—Oh dear, Oh dear, Oh dear, Sports Fan has once again entirely missed the point. Let's put it simply like this:

Q. Under what name do the mini-ball people operate?

A. The Hongkong Miniature Football Association.—note the last two words.

Q. Under what rules do they play?

A. The laws of the (English) Football Association—BUT with the exception of the size of ball, pitch and goal posts.

Q. Is this type of Association Football recognised by the FA or FIFA?

A. No, as it contravenes the statutes of F.I.F.A. in that it introduces improper methods and practices into the game.

Q. Can registered players of the HKFA participate in this type of football?

A. No, as the HKMFA are not affiliated to the HKFA or the governing bodies.

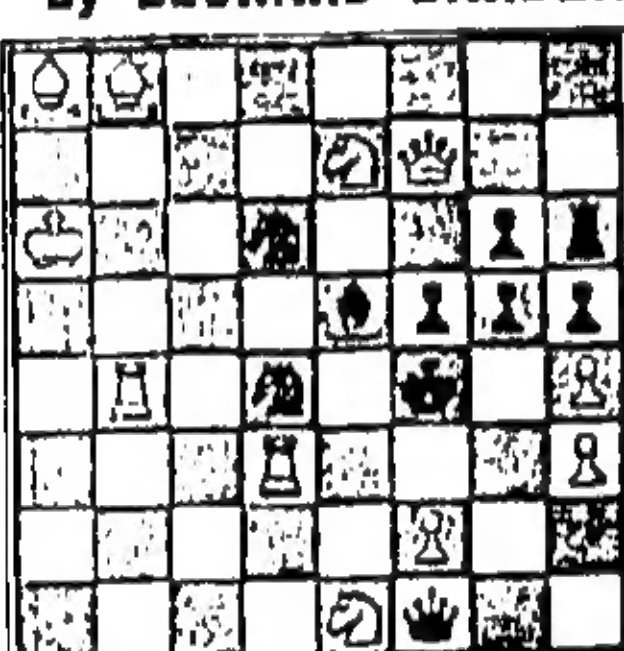
I would suggest that Sports Fan obtain copies of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations of F.I.F.A., F.F.A. and the HKFA, or if he already has them he should read them again.

New how about pondering on this? How many people have heard of the Kowloon Miniature Football Association and one of its rules which stipulates that players registered with the HKFA are NOT permitted to participate in their competitions?

FIFA FAN.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by A. Marl (Good Companions, 1921). White to play and mate in two moves.

London Express Service.

## West Indies Criticism Answered By English Umpires Secretary

London, Dec. 23. Criticism of English umpires' interpretation of the LBW Law—made in the West Indies last weekend by former Test cricketer Gerry Gomez—has been answered by Tom Smith, secretary of the English Association of Umpires.

Replying yesterday to a statement attributed to Gomez which claimed there was "an accepted attitude in the minds of English umpires that a batsman is not out when playing forward and the ball hits the front foot," Mr Smith said: "It is not true that English umpires always give a man not out when playing forward. It is accepted as an act of faith that we give the forward-playing batsman not out."

"But there are two important points to consider. Firstly, the movement of the ball in the air and off the pitch is much more pronounced in this country than in the West Indies and other overseas countries, where the surface of the pitches compares with concrete pitches here."

## TRUEMAN CLEANS UP WINDWARDS' TAIL WITH DRAMATIC SPELL

Grenada, Dec. 23. MCC won the opening match of their West Indies tour here today when they beat Windward Islands by 10 wickets just before lunch.

Freddie Trueman, the Yorkshire fast bowler, put the tourists on the way to an easy victory with a dramatic opening over in which he took the last three wickets of the Windward Islands' second innings without a run being added to the overnight score of 69 for seven.

Bowling much too fast for the local tail-enders, Trueman captured the wickets with his second, fifth and sixth balls to finish with five for 22.

Left to score only 33 runs for victory, Colin Cowdrey and Raman Subba Row hit up 30 in 32 minutes without trouble.

Cowdrey batted beautifully during this period while Subba Row, who opened in the absence of Geoff Pullar who has a sore elbow, was as efficient as usual.

### Final Scores

First Innings  
Windward Islands: 89 (Greenough six for 32).  
MCC 121 (P. May 38; Redhead five for 30, Gresham four for 13).

Second Innings  
Windward Islands (Overnight 69 For Seven)  
G. Brisbane, lbw Trueman... 2  
T. Redhead not out... 18  
O. F. Mason b Trueman... 0  
V. Elie b Trueman... 0  
Extras... 0  
Total... 60

Wicketfalls: 8-69, 9-69.

Bowling Analysis  
Trueman... 8 1 22 5  
Moss... 8 2 21 3  
Hillingworth... 0 5 1 1  
Greenough... 5 1 25 1

MCC  
M.C. Cowdrey not out... 17  
R. Subba Row not out... 14  
Extras... 8  
Total (for no wicket)... 39

Bowling Analysis  
Mason... 3 0 7 0  
Redhead... 3 0 15 0  
Elie... 1 0 7 0  
Jackson... 1 0 2 0  
—Reuter.

## E. Kops Wins Thailand Shuttle Title

Bangkok, Dec. 23. Demark's Erlend Kops won the men's single's title of the All-Thailand Badminton championships when he defeated Thailand's Narong Prongchinn 15-8 and 15-4 in the final here tonight.

Prongchinn, a discovery of the recent Southeast Asia Peninsula Games, was no match for the veteran champion Kops, who won both sets easily.

Britain's Heather Ward took the women's singles title when she outlasted Thailand's Pratun Papatpongse 8-11, 11-9 and 11-7.

After winning the first set and leading 9-5 in the second, the tiring Miss Papatpongse dropped nine straight points. She rallied for seven straight points in the third set but Miss Ward, though equally tired by the overheat, fighting came from a 3-7 deficit to tally eight more in a row and win the match.

ALL-THAI FINAL  
In an all-Thai men's doubles final, Pormehim and Rapphe Kancharanapee beat Chavalert Chumkam and Chaiyong Rattana Siengsuang 15-9 and 15-10.

Malaya's Tan Gaik-bee and Mrs C. Samuel won the women's doubles title by beating India's Menra Shah and Thailand's Uthairat Mahakannok 15-9 and 15-13, while Miss Ward and Kancharanapee overcame a severe second-game deficit to win the mixed doubles from Miss Tan and Kops 15-10, 1-15 and 15-9.

The King's mother, who with Princess Sirirajwan and many members of the Royal Family attended the finals, presented silver cups to the winners.

The 5,000 seat stadium was only about one-quarter filled due to the boycott of the tournament by top Thai players.—AFP.

## Nice Qualifies For European Cup Quarter-Finals

Geneva, Dec. 23. Nice, the French champions beat Ferretbaben, of Turkey, 5-1 in their European Football Cup playoff here tonight to meet Real Madrid, the holders, in the quarter-finals.

The teams had finished level on goal aggregate in the home-and-away tie, each winning one match.

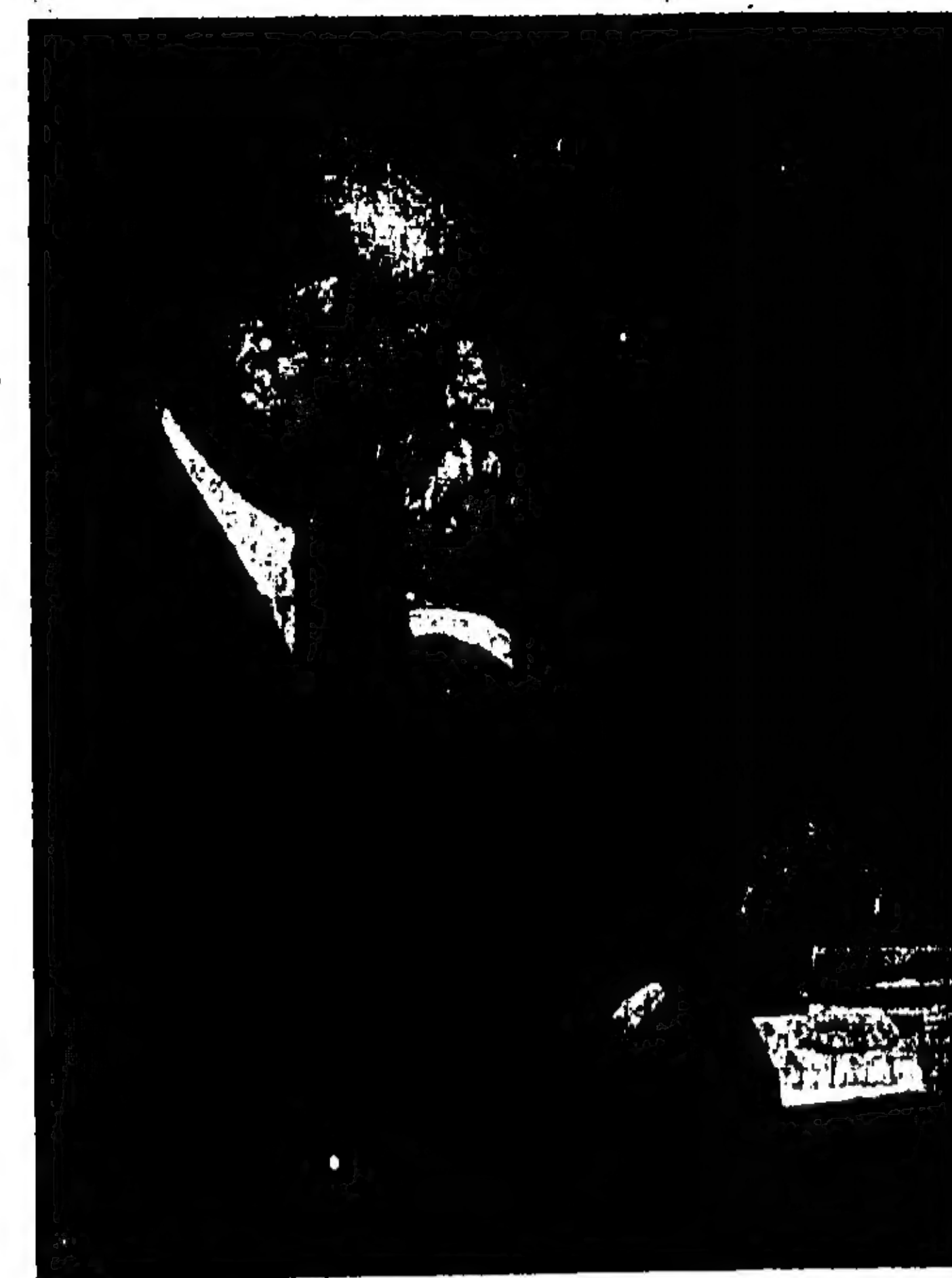
In tonight's decider on a neutral ground, Nice led 3-0 at half-time.

A crowd of 9,500 saw the match played under appalling conditions. More than 24 hours of rain left huge pools of water on the ground and at one time it looked as if the match would have to be postponed.—Reuter.

## RUGBY RESULT

London, Dec. 23. Result of today's Rugby Union county championship play-off was:  
Berkshire 14, Hertfordshire 14.—Reuter.

## Bridge Olympiad 'Dark Horse'



On the fringes of the Olympic Games in Rome next summer will be the world's first ever Bridge Olympiad, to be played at Turin. The British selectors, smarting from the ignominy of being relegated to third place in the recent European championships, have organised two intensive weekend trials to make sure that the four best Britons form the team to sit at the Turin tables.

In the above photo one of the "dark horses" in the trial, J. Pavlides, gives the photographer a study in concentration. — Times photo.

## FAMOUS SPORTS STARS I HAVE MET

By ARCHIE QUICK

With the death of Maximilian Aldebert Baer, the world of boxing has lost one of its most colourful personalities of pre-war days.

Baer fought only once in England, and it being one of his "off" periods, he was out-punctured by Tommy Farr at Harringay in April 1937. When the pair met again in New York the following March, Baer, the champion, was well and truly out-punctured. That was Baer—good one day, bad the next; easy come, easy go.

Born in Nebraska of German-Scottish extraction, the irrepressible Maxie moved early in life with his parents to California and is generally identified with that State as the "Livermore Larriper."

## Heaviest Punch

If he felt so inclined he had the heaviest punch of them all, but two ring fatalities in which he was concerned always seemed to put a brake on his hitting. Thus he dealt out terrific punishment in beating Max Schmeling and knocked out the gigantic Primo Carners in eleven rounds, but was himself defeated by the world's heaviest-weight championship—greatest prize in sport—by third rate Jim Braddock.

This was one of the biggest upsets of all time, for "Cinderella Man" Braddock was brought back to provide a chopping block for Baer. Then again, he was out-punctured by the light-punching Tommy Loughran, really only a cruiserweight.

There is no doubt that his light-hearted nature prevented him from being one of the all time greats, but, strangely enough, when he was over here just for the "Final Night of Harringay" with Henry Armstrong, Gus Lesnevich and a host of other champions who had fought in that historic ring he was emotionally affected by the occasion. There were tears

in his eyes just when you would have expected laughs on his lips.

## Joyous Occasion

His defeat by Farr did not worry him at all and I remember a joyous occasion when he and his brother, "Buddy," gave a farewell party at a Piacadilly restaurant. No stage show could have put on a funnier act, no cabaret could have provided a bigger hit. Baer was a naturally funny man.

He died while shaving in a Los Angeles hotel; he was buried at Sacramento where he lived most of his days at home. He had a great heart; pity it did not last out longer.

There will remain many legendary anecdotes of Max, especially the one when, in the middle of his world title fight with Carners, both fell over and he shouted to the Italian "Let one up's a clasy." But the one I liked best was his remark when he dived under a shower bath after a fight and someone had forgotten to mix the warm water with the cold: "I'm Max Baer; not Polar Bear!"

## Russian Soccer Team Wins In Indonesia

Djakarta, Dec. 23. The visiting Soviet soccer team Zenith of Leningrad beat an Indonesian Army selection four-nil in a friendly football match at the Ikada Stadium here tonight. Half-time score was one-nil.

It was the Soviet team's first match of its Indonesian playing tour.—AFP.

## on the ball



## THIS WAS THE END OF AN ERA

### Come-Back Trail Is Long And Hard

Billy Wright goes and Joe Baker arrives. These two events symbolise the year that is ending... a year in which British football touched new depths. Fifty-nine is a year which many of us would like to forget, and yet it may prove the most far-reaching of all.

This was the end of an era—thirty years of triumph and disappointment, during which a game with England at Wembley became the acid test for the other nations of the world. It was inevitable that this chapter had to finish sometime.

Personally I think we made a mistake in not closing the pages sooner.

For years, the writing had been on the wall. But it needed the disaster of a South American tour finally to drive home the message. Our team-builders have, of course, reacted by putting the recent on youth. I don't go along with them all the way on this policy, but I admire their realism.

### Real Challenge

They have accepted the fact that our days as the one world football power have gone and that they will never return unless we build for the future. And so they are quite willing to ignore present-day results and gamble that by 1962, we will have a side capable of making a real challenge for the World Cup.

I am sure this is the only way and hope that the selectors won't allow the critics to swing them off-course.

To date, only one really exciting discovery has been made, that of Hibernian centre-forward Joe Baker.

Experienced players are usually very wary about arrivals and like to wait awhile before passing comment. But I have found that many of the best judges in the game throw caution overboard when discussing this, the first Scottish League star to play for England.

I have even heard him described as another Tommy Lawton—and that is praise indeed. The arrival of youth has meant the departure of England's Old Guard and, by coincidence, the big names of the immediate post-war period all seem to be fading together.

### Vivid Colours

Billy Wright has temporarily drifted right out of the game. Not Loughie is fighting an uphill battle with his ankle and Stan Matthews has had a recurrence of a pulled muscle. Just as the moment, we can't afford to lose such players, for we are all too short of personalities.

Even in the England team, for example, there are probably only two men, Johnny Haynes and Bobby Charlton, who would be recognised by the general public.

And when one looks back over the year, there is so little personal colour.

Significantly some of the most vivid patches were painted by overseas performers. The Swedish centre-forward Simonsson touched the heights at Wembley and paved the way for England's downfall with nonchalant ease. At Old Trafford, the great Di Stefano made defence-splitting look a simple art, while the roaming Puskas recaptured some of that old magic.

### Rosy Horizon

On a grey afternoon at Cardiff, teenager Graham Moore carved his name into the record books by sliding through the English defence to equalise in the dying seconds.

Under the South American sun, Jimmy Greaves came of age soverwise and provided some consolation for defeat. On a Sunday at Ballymount Park, Charlie Hurley—a centre-half built on the lines of a John

Charles—inspired unfancied Eire to tumble the famous Swedes. And in the glare of the Molineux lights, Norman Deeley helped to prove that this is one lion's den that the Continentals still enter at their peril.

But when one has said that, one has said everything. Purple patches were few and far between.

What lies ahead?

Once Christmas is over, I always feel as though I can see the end of the trail. The halfway stage is past and there is a chance of narrowing the championship battle down to a few clubs.

Usually at the turn of the year, the eventual champions lie among the first six clubs, but this time the race is very open. The three sides which have impressed me most are Spurs, West Ham and Burnley and I don't think they will be far away when the final honours are handed out.

Nothing very exciting looms up on the international front. The Irish seem to have lost their fire. The Scots are begin-

ning to raise their supporters' hopes once again. And the Welsh still have to pin their faith on John Charles and the tolerance of Juventus.

For England the road ahead looks straight and uneventful. Way out in the distance, the horizon is rosy.

But there's a long, long way to go.

### OFF THE CUFF

Several Scottish clubs are hoping that Fulham's high-scoring GRAHAM LEGGAT can be tempted back home.

Don't be surprised if RAY DANIEL, the Swansea and Wales centre-half, enters Non-League football soon.

I hear that GEORGE CUMMINGS, lately Elie inside-forward, may be playing in London before the season ends.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES TOPS THE HOLIDAY SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

By OLLY VAS

An unique feature of the local softball scene each year is the annual International Series in which various national sides vie for the honour of winning the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd Shield and the Bill Woo Shield in the Men's and Ladies' sections respectively.

The first International Series was inaugurated in 1940 but the outbreak of hostilities interrupted play until early 1946 when the series was revived.

Since then 14 post-war finals have been keenly contested and to Portugal goes the honour of having won seven of these.

China has won three times and one victory each is credited to Pakistan, U.S.A., Great Britain and India.

No team in the men's section has ever won three in a row but Portugal, holders of the trophy for the past two years have every chance to be the first to do so.

### Regular Finalists

In the past nine years all other teams have had little say in the competition, the two finalists—Portugal and China—and unless upsets occur in the preliminary rounds it appears more than likely that these two great rivals will continue to enjoy a monopoly of the finals.

In the Ladies' section, restarted in 1948, Portugal have reigned supreme, having won eight with China scoring four victories.

The Portuguese girls have registered double hat-tricks and the latest information is that these two teams will play off the first match of the three-game series on New Year's Day provided the Taiwan Tao Kong lady softballers are not here at that time. Otherwise the Ladies' International Series will commence during the Chinese New Year holiday.

The first game in the Men's International will be played on Boxing Day at 11.00 a.m. at King's Park when defending champions Portugal come up against Great Britain.

Seven Cheyennes and five Braves make up the Portugal side. Vic Pedraza, Peter d'Almeida, Dick Chaves, Jack Collaco and John Pereira of the Braves will team up with Robert Remedios, Manuel Xavier, Onofre Souza, the Assoreiros, Terry Rodrigues and Danny Goosbe of the Cheyennes.

The Great Britain side is made up of four Aussies—Raymond, "Shan," "Dag," and Goodhind—the Danes—Lionel, Lal and Hro, Eddie Rozario of the Caribbeans and "Bimbi" Abing of the Saints.

### Strong China Side

At 1.30 p.m. one of the strongest China sides in international history takes on the Commonwealth. The latter are made up of most of the Junior League Indians—plus Eric "Sonar" Remedios of the Junior Cheyennes. China's line-up includes three players, "Goose" Wong, Jackie Wei and Junior Pang with a preponderance of SCAA players, Y.S. Liang, Wally Ma, Frank Cheng, Eddie Wu of the Pandas, Lo Pak Huen and Kiondike Wong of the Braves and O Sa Lo of the Glants. A one-sided game is in the offing with China, say winners against Junior League opposition.

The U.S.A. team which drew a bye will be drawn from the ranks of the U.S. "Renoville". My choice for the Chinese New Year semi-final: Portugal, the Philippines, China and of course the U.S.A.

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For the 6th Race Meeting to be held on 1st and 2nd January, the sale of admission badges to the Members' Enclosure will be limited to 6,000 badges each day.

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Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1959.

**The Gambols** by Barry Appleby

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## SCANDALS OF SPORT

# The Plot That Nearly Finished Baseball

By REX LAWRENCE

The series was "fixed." But no one would believe it. "Fixing" a World Series? Why, that would be like spitting on the Stars and Stripes. But it did happen. It happened in 1919, the year after the First World War, the time of easy money, when American sport was riding high.

And when the "fix" was finally exposed, it nearly knocked baseball, America's national pastime, into oblivion. The Chicago White Sox, one of the greatest baseball teams of all time, had all but walked into the championship. Their opponents in this World Series tussle were the Cincinnati Reds, who had reached the Championship for the first time in 50 years.

Before the Series started, the White Sox were 1-6-5 favorites, as near a certainty as you could get. But on the eve of the first game the betting suddenly switched to make the Reds even-money favorites.

The championship was to be decided over nine games, played in quick succession in October. In fact, it ended in the eighth game, with Cincinnati winning five to three.

## The Shock Came

At the time, unseemly rumours of irregularities among the worshipped yet beaten Chicago White Sox were rife—but it was not until a year later, during the closing stages of the 1920 National League Championship, that the shock finally came.

It was Ban Johnson, President of the American League, who started the ball rolling when he issued a dynamite-laden statement from his Chicago office, in September, 1920.

"I have evidence," Johnson's statement said, "that certain notorious gamblers are threatening to expose the 1919 World Series as a fixed event unless the Chicago White Sox players drop out of the current

race intentionally to let the Cleveland Indians win. "The gamblers," the statement added, "have made heavy bets on the Cleveland team."

The White Sox, playing honestly in the 1920 season, were engaged in a three-cornered battle for the championship, but now their past—or, more accurately, the past of eight of the team's players—had caught up with them.

The statement hit the American Press in a vivid headline display, knocking all other news off the front pages from coast to coast.

Baseball became overnight a tangle of witnesses, testimonies, rumours, bets and threats.

## Eight Suspended

Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, acted on his suspicions and immediately suspended eight players.

This act included the biggest names in the game. Names like Eddie Cicotte, one of the best pitchers in the country; Chick Gandil, the first baseman; Claude Williams, second best pitcher in the team; Swede Risberg, shortstop; Buck Weaver, third baseman; Joe Jackson, the best hitter in the League; Happy Felsch, outfielder; and Fred McMullen, utility infielder.

Five of the group were regular players. President Johnson, anxious to clear the bad smell that pervaded baseball—even if it meant the end of the game—placed all the evidence he had amassed in front of a Chicago Grand Jury.

And, by one, the players began to confess. Cicotte,

Jackson and Williams signed statements admitting that they had played to lose. Felsch and Gandil sold their stories of the plot to newspapers.

Weaver denied complicity. He had refused, he said, to take part in the plot when Cicotte, the ringleader, had approached him. Neither McMullen nor Risberg admitted anything.

All eight, however, were indicted for deliberately losing the Series. And all were banned from professional baseball for life.

## The Motive

It is not hard to find a motive for the actions of the implicated eight. For, although the Chicago White Sox team of 1919 was peerless in baseball, it was an unhappy team.

And the cause of their unhappiness was lack of money. The owner of the White Sox, Charles Comiskey, a founder of the American League, was the type of club magnate who believed that players should be paid as little as possible. In the reserve clause in baseball contracts which bound a player to one club so long as that club required his services.

In 1919, the year of the "Black Sox" scandal, as the newspapers dubbed it, the players had staged a half-hearted strike. Through their manager, William "Kid" Gleason, they had demanded a better deal from Comiskey.

But the owner's answer had been a blunt "No."

"If they don't play for me," Comiskey told Gleason, "they can't play for anyone."

Angered by Comiskey's refusal, Cicotte and Gandil conceived their plan deliberately to throw away the Series.

But the "fix" could, they calculated, reap rich rewards, should a big gambler back them.

## Biggest Gambler

Cicotte and Gandil went to Boston and approached Joseph "Sport" Sullivan, New England's biggest gambler. White Sox would throw away the Series to Cincinnati if Sullivan would pay each player \$10,000 dollars. They estimated that 10 players would have to be in on the "fix" to assure success.

Sullivan was impressed. He liked the deal. To a sure-thing gambler this was a gift.

There was one snag: Sullivan didn't have \$100,000. But he thought he knew where he could get it. Only one man, Arnold Rothstein, the czar of gambling men, could finance a deal of this magnitude.

Sullivan enlisted the help of Abe Attell, a former feather-weight boxing champion who claimed connections with Rothstein.

## Scheme Fails

Later, however, it was revealed that Rothstein (who was shot in a 1928 gangland dispute) refused to take part in it. It is known, however, that when the time came he used his knowledge to clear \$50,000 from bets on the Series.

But the sharp Attell was not put off by Rothstein's reluctance. He sent a telegram

## NO ROMANCE IN ROME

By DEREK JOHN

The biggest story to come out of the 1960 Olympic Games at Melbourne was the romance between two Olympic champions—American hammer thrower Hal Connolly and Czech discus thrower Olga Fikotova.

They talked across the fence dividing men and women athletes in the Olympic Village. They fell in love and finally broken down the iron curtain to marry.

A heart-warming story. And fully in keeping with the Olympic spirit of international goodwill and fellow-

ship. But don't expect such a love-story to emerge from the 1960 Olympic Games—even though they will be held in sunny Italy.

Rome is not going to spell romance for the Olympic athletes from 80-odd countries. Indeed, it's going to be easier to win an Olympic gold medal than a woman's heart in Rome, 1960.

For officials have decreed that all fun and games will be confined to the sporting arenas. Clandestine meetings

between male and female competitors will be strictly forbidden.

There will be two Olympic Villages—one for men and one for women. They will be divided by a 20ft. high viaduct road. And the tunnels under the road will be blocked.

Armed police will guard the men's village by day and night. A new women's police force is being trained to prevent any males from entering the women's village. My tip to amorous athletes. Take a helicopter to Rome—London Express Service.

to the players, signed with Rothstein's name, accepting their proposition.

This was where the scheme went awry.

After losing the first two games to Cincinnati, the White Sox conspirators became disgruntled. The gamblers had failed to keep their word, paying less than half of the promised amount.

And that is why White Sox won three of their eight games against the Reds.

## Suspicious

But, towards the end of the Series, suspicions were growing among the team's administrators. These suspicions spread to higher authorities and League President Ban Johnson immediately hired a team of private detectives to investigate.

Johnson's explosive statement in 1920 caused the suspension of the eight implicated players, and both they and the gamblers concerned were summoned before a Grand Jury.

Public feeling against them rose at this stage to such a pitch that gamblers and players were afraid to leave the courtroom without guards.

Criminal prosecutions were brought against the eight players in July, 1921.

But now a mystery was added to the scandal of the 1919 World Series. Before the prosecution announced themselves ready to bring charges

against the guilty men, all the documents dealing with the case vanished from the District Attorney's office—papers which included the Grand Jury's findings and the confessions of Cicotte, Jackson and Williams.

Laboriously, they had to begin compiling the case all over again—minus vital documents.

And, when the case finally reached the Cook County Court in August 1921 the jury acquitted the players of charges of criminal conspiracy because of lack of evidence.

Baseball, however, dealt more severely with them. As a direct result of the scandal, the authorities appointed their Commissioner, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, a Federal jurist who agreed to take control of the game only after obtaining a guarantee from the owners that they would not interfere.

## Sentence

Even before the Grand Jury had returned its verdict, Judge Landis pronounced sentence.

"Regardless of the verdict of juries," his statement read, "no player who throws a ball game, no player who sits in a conference with a bunch of crooked players and gamblers where the ways and means of throwing games are discussed, and does not promptly tell his club about it, will ever again play professional baseball."

This meant plainly that the men concerned in the White Sox scandal were out for life. And no amount of pleading and

## SKINNY?



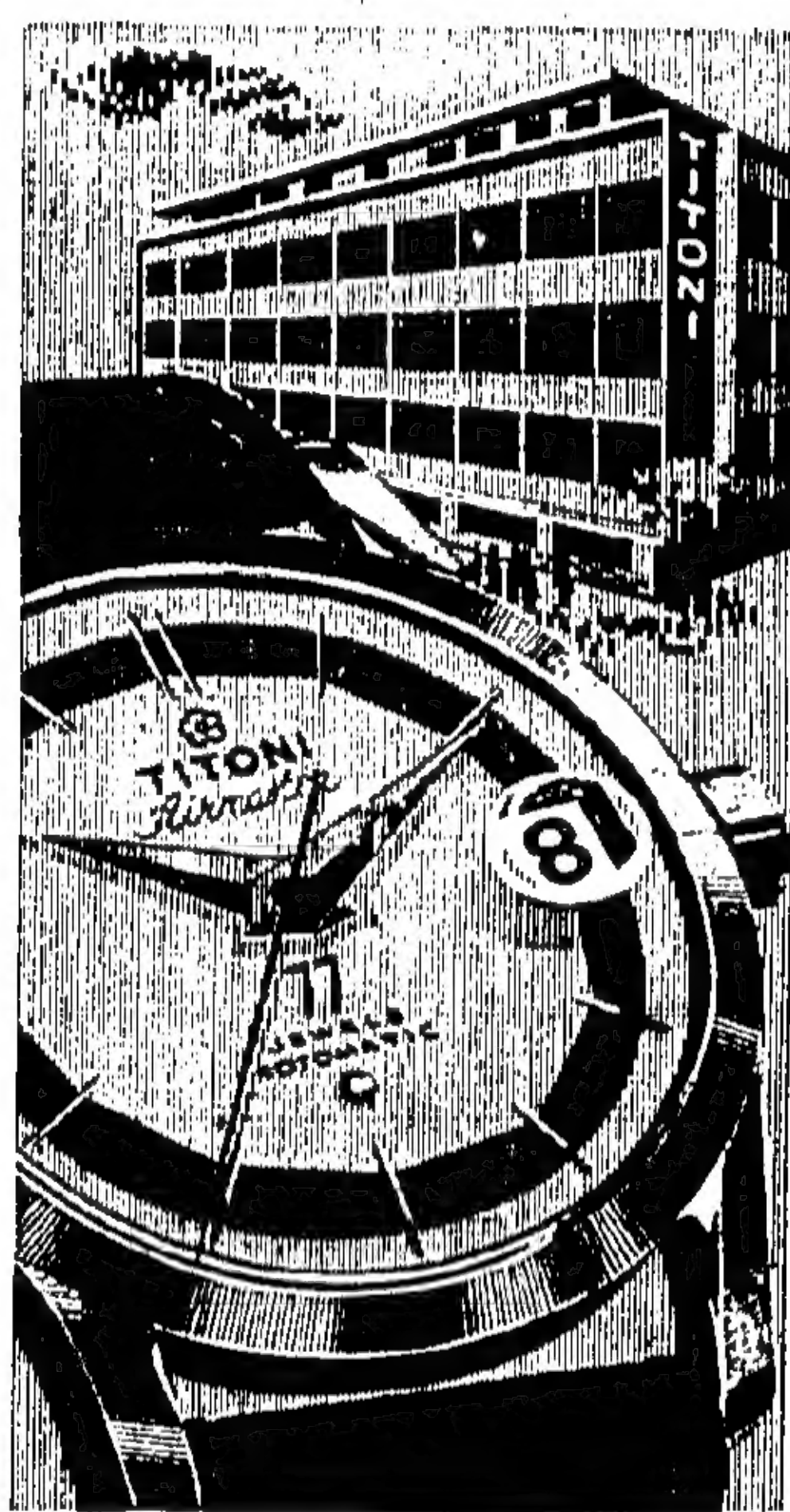
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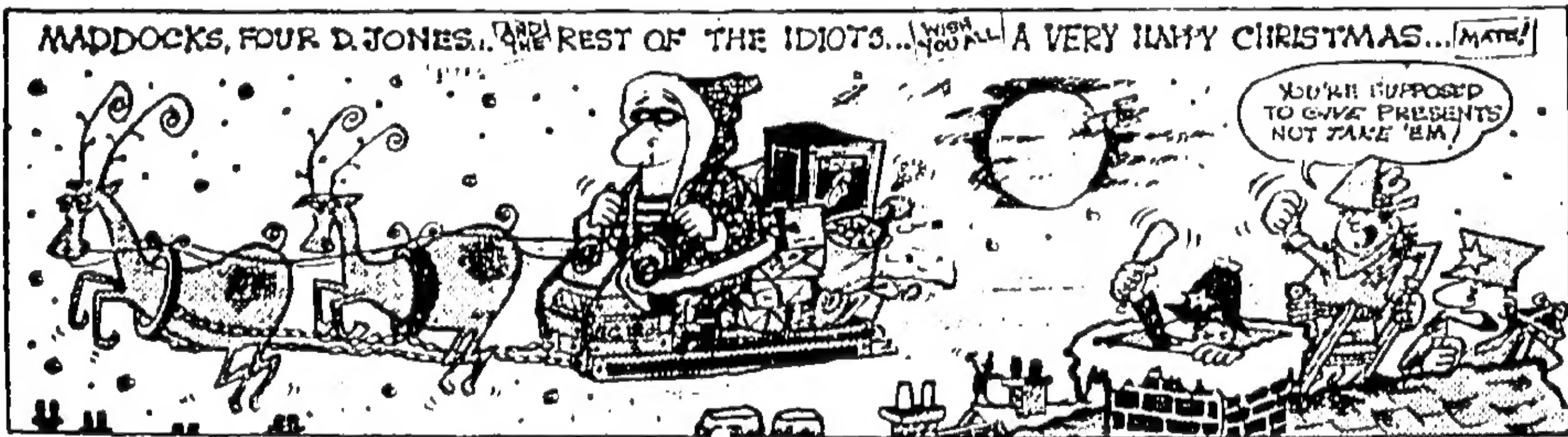


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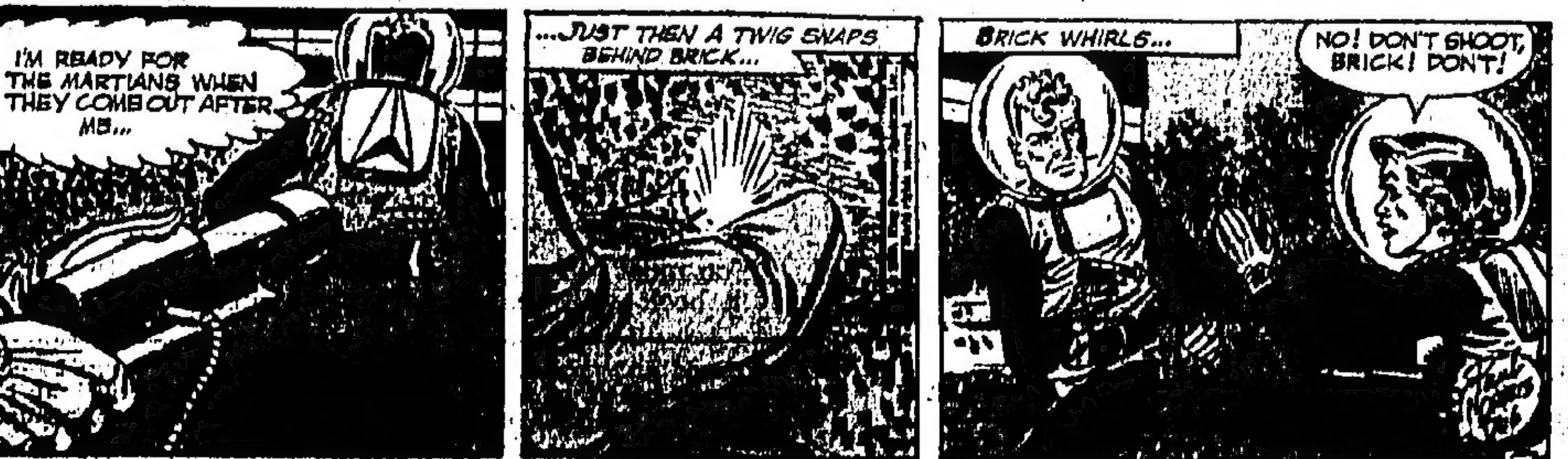
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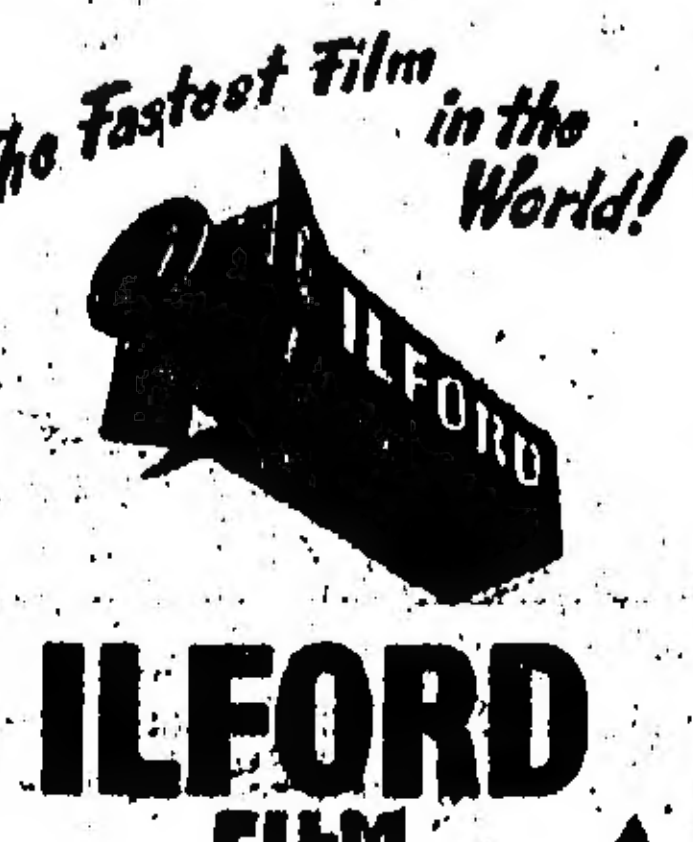
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## 25 years AGO

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Twenty-two, eighty-eight, eighteen, ready, HIKE.

"Yes," says the S.C.M. Post sports correspondent, "American football is here again, for tomorrow afternoon the Lin-nan University team from Canton will take on the Hong-kong American Club once again at the Hongkong Football Club Ground at 3 p.m."

"This gridiron tussle promises to be the best sporting feature of the week-end."

"Hongkong pigskin carriers are all primed and ready for the fray, full of confidence that they will be able to take the measure of their rivals from Canton, despite the fact that they lost to them three weeks ago."

"In the last game the Hong-kong team had the better part of play, but the defence fumbled twice, giving Ling-nan the opportunity to score twice."

### Lantau Road Widening

South Lantau Road, between Silvermine Bay and the village of Cheung Sha—a distance of about 24,000—is to be widened to 20 feet to allow for two-way motor traffic. At present, this stretch of the roadway is only ten feet wide.

## PICTORIAL PARADE



ABOVE: Waving goodbye to Hongkong are Mr and Mrs L. C. Morgan as the ss Frankfurt pulls out of the Harbour. Mr Morgan was Deputy Director of Education.



ABOVE: Miss E. A. Hawthorn receiving a bouquet at the Hongkong Rotary Club's Christmas luncheon on Tuesday.

### AMBASSADOR FLIES HOME TO N. DELHI

The Indian Ambassador to Peking, Mr G. Parthasarathy, passed through Hongkong this morning by Air India, on his way to New Delhi.

It is understood that Mr Parthasarathy will confer with top Indian Ministers on the Indian-Red China border dispute.

Mr Parthasarathy told reporters that he only may stay in India for a few days before returning to Peking.

He refused to comment on the purpose of his visit to India but was asked if his conference would touch on the border dispute he replied: "What do you think?"

## WALL TO SURROUND NEW DOCK AREA

A ten-foot high wall is to be built along the line of the new road which is to run through the released H.M. Dockyard area to link Connaught Road with Gloucester Road.

### Ting Kok Road

The existing Ting Kok Road, stretching from Tai Po to Ting Kok, in the New Territories, is to be extended for another 7,200 feet to the village of Tai Mei Tuk.

### Entrance Switch

The existing Murray Road entrance to the Dockyard will be closed and a new entrance sited in Murray Road just opposite to the City Hall site.

The new entrance will be 20 feet wide and have a double iron gate as well as two side gates. There will also be an auxiliary gate to give access to the new road at the eastern end.

The iron gates are to be ornamented with spear-head gilded tops and will carry the crests of the Admiralty and H.M.S. Tamar.

The two dolphin lamps on top of the stone pillars of the present entrance to H.M.S. Tamar will be removed and re-fixed on to the new entrance gates.

### Tiger Attacks Three Chinese

Kuala Lumpur Dec. 23. A Chinese tea contractor was badly mauled when he fought a tiger with a jungle knife here on Wednesday to save his wife and daughter.

Chan Kai Yew, 45, received injuries on his thigh and shoulder and was sent to hospital for treatment.

The tiger, dazed by slashes on its head and neck, escaped into the jungle after the brief fight. The trio was working in a plantation when suddenly attacked by the tiger.—AP.

## Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings were announced in this morning's Government Gazette:

Mr E. B. Teeddale to be deputy Colonial Secretary.

Mr S. T. Kidd to the deputy district Commissioner, New Territories.

Dr J. W. B. Palmer to be medical officer.

Dr I. F. G. Haddow to be medical officer.

Mr A. G. Markin to be education officer.

Mr C. F. Herbert to be assistant superintendent of Police.

Mr P. G. Taylor ceased to be Registrar of Persons. Mr Lau Ping Tok ceased to be an assistant Registrar of Persons.

Mr Robert Kelly to be assistant Commissioner of Registration.

Mr Lau Ping Tok, Mr Robert Fung U Sin, Mr Keith Hsu Kai Foo, Mr Allan Yau Ming Lai have been appointed Registrars of Persons.

### Catchwater

The first of a series of catchwaters for the Shek Pik reservoir scheme on South Lantau is to be built early in the New Year.

To be known as Catchwater "E" it will be situated along the southern coast of Lantau Island between the two villages of Tong Fuk and Cheung Sha.

## Gifts For The Man Who Has Everything

Selecting presents at Christmas time is always difficult, but when trying to choose gifts for men and women who have everything, or nearly everything, the problem reaches alarming proportions. The fact that expense is no object, however welcome as a novelty, means to some people merely that the range and the difficulties of choice are increased, writes a London Times correspondent.

The correspondent goes on: From the shops themselves it is clear that most men in these conditions play safe and give furs or jewellery.

### "DIRECTOR'S SAFE"

This, however, leaves the man with everything, exactly where he was. Clearly the ideal in these circumstances is something which does even some prosaic task better than anything else, but which is only available to those to whom cost does not matter.

One example of this is the millionaire who always hires a helicopter at weekends in Switzerland because it saves standing in queues for the ski-lifts when there are crowded.

Another perhaps more convenient example is Asprey's nail-file. This is gold-headed with rubies and diamonds; the latter are not entirely for ornament since the cutting surface is made of crushed diamond rather than the more usual serrated metal. It is so it is said much more pleasant to use, and never wears out. Of course the cost is considerable—some £140, even though purchase tax is not charged.

When thinking of presents for business men there is always the haunting fear that they must have cupboards full of desk sets and diaries bulging with expensive leather-bound books for addresses and appointments. Nevertheless, for those who believe officers should give no hint of the less exacting side of the life led in them, the discreet cocktail cabinet seems an obvious choice. For £149 a book-impresario, containing an impressive collection of leather-bound books, is available. This is really a cocktail cabinet. An even more thorough product of this kind is a large and impressive safe, complete with a brass wheel to open and close it. This—known for obvious reasons as the "director's safe"—might disappoint the burglar but could solace others since it contains a refrigerator, plates, and glasses, and is obviously for some useful standby. Thus for only £395 the safe can be better equipped while still apparently remaining stark and businesslike.

### A SOLUTION

What can be embarrassing in everyday life is the sudden realization that one has run out of money. A solution to this quandary is provided by the offer, for £22, of a pair of gold cuff-links, each of which contains a tightly folded £1 note. These are also available with 10s. notes and the price is accordingly reduced.

The harassed baby sitter or mother might well consider the baby swing which, when wound up, will drive the baby to and fro for 20 minutes without further attention. And for the god-father who desires to make his mark there is the soft toy to end them all—by reason of size if not essential difference—the £100 toy giraffe. The present of a bush baby in spite of its charming appearance has obvious drawbacks in that they sleep by day and stay awake all night, and so are not entirely suitable for all households.

For the outdoor man—if he shoots—guns are a suitable present. Holland and Holland in London would build a pair of "best guns" for some £1,200 (of which purchase tax accounts for £200). High as the price is, orders come in regularly and the makers point out that such shotguns will last all the owner's life and probably allow a capital profit as well. Alternatively if big game is his sport there is always the heavy double rifle at £700-£800.

### NONCHALANT OFFER

Food is definitely a la mode at Christmas, and in London Fortnum and Mason, among many stores, are prepared to supply seasonal fare. If staying over Christmas with someone whose catering is doubtful a precautionary gift might take the form of a hamper from £25 downwards, or the Burlington Chest. On the other hand, for those who seek a delicate simplicity, there are always out-of-season fruits. Fortnum's will send a hamper from £25 and what could be more impressive than the nonchalant offer of strawberries on Christmas Eve.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Greetings

Sir,—There are many Christmas greetings throughout your paper today and I wonder whether anyone ever sends such Christmas greetings to the Editor and the Staff of your paper. I would like to thank you for excellent leaders and particularly your photograph section as well as the good coverage of all main events in the Colony. May I wish you continued success and a very happy Christmas.

M. NEWCOMBE.  
The editor and staff thank Miss Newcombe, in turn, for all her help and her kind comments.

## THE FACTS THAT FLAVOURED THE 'FIFTIES

THE end of an amazing decade is only a few days away. The 'Fifties—years of space exploration, Teddy Boys, summit conferences, four-minute miles, Marilyn Monroe, the conquest of Everest, bigger and better H-bombs—are fast drawing to a close.

In Saturday's China Mail, Nancy Mitford—whose devastating observations on social behaviour have brought her fame—heads a list of four prominent personalities in dissecting the decade with wit and perception.

The weekend Mail invites you to look back in wonder from a date when the austerity corset was being unloosed... when the world took its first cautious breaths of expansion and tried to forget the war by living in its shadow.

Also in the big weekend issue:

★ Our Half-Acre Farmer... an intimate report by China Mail feature writer Steve Dunaway on a day in the life of one of Hongkong's least known citizens;

★ Poverty in the Millionaires' Playground... Columnist Don Iddon writes an astonishing report on Florida.

These are only some of the highlights. Included are all your favourite puzzles, comics, cartoons, Beachcomber, three full pages of the latest news pictures. Inside Show Business, sports reports and the world's news and views... and much more for your reading pleasure.

TAKE HOME A CHINA MAIL ON SATURDAY!

## US TEACHERS ON VACATION IN HONGKONG

Ten American woman schoolteachers arrived from Okinawa by JAL this morning to spend Christmas in Hong-kong.

The teachers all in their early twenties will stay in Hongkong for about two weeks as part of their annual vacation.

### This Funny World



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